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Fourth Year—W. D. GODMAN, J. W. HUDSON.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

L. P. CUSHMAN; *Alternate*, R. L. BEAL.

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CONFERENCE ROLL 1881.

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.
1	Armsted, Samuel....	Superanuated.....	Shreveport.
2	Abbott, H. T. O.....	Natchitoches.....	Natchitoches.
3	Anderson, Robert ...	Holmesville.....	Holmesville.
4	Albert, A. E. P.....	Union Chapel	New Orleans.
5	Brooks, John.....	Allensville Circuit.....	Allen.
6	Brooks, Washington.	Boonesville	Boonesville.
7	Beal, Richard L.....	Clinton Street	New Orleans.
8	Chinn, Scott	Superanuated.....	New Orleans.
9	Carr, Willis	Jeanerrette	Jeanerrette.
10	Cushman, L. P.....	South New Orleans District	New Orleans.
11	Downs, Charles.....	Superanuated	New River.
12	Davage, Samuel	Wesley Chapel.....	New Orleans.
13	Dale, Marcus.....	North New Orleans District.....	New Orleans.
14	Duncan, Stephen	Shreveport District.....	Shreveport.
15	Davis, William.....	Thomson Chapel	New Orleans.
16	Ennis, Reason.....	Superanuated.....	New Orleans.
17	Forest, William P...	Red River Landing.....	Red River.
18	Fields, Edward.....	Houma.....	Houma.
19	Godman, Wm. D	Principal La Teche Seminary....	La Teche.
20	Green, Henry	La Teche.....	La Teche.
21	Gould, Joseph.....	Simpson Chapel	New Orleans.
22	Gayden, Zachary T ..	Whitehall.....	Convent.
23	Hartzell, Joseph C ..	Ed. S'hwestern Christian Advocate	New Orleans.
24	Hayward, James.....	Supernumerary	New Orleans.
25	Hayward, Isaac	Donaldsonville.....	Donaldsonville.
26	Hilton, Abraham	Opelousas	Opelousas.
27	Hilton, John W	St. James Church	Shreveport.
28	Hodge, Robert	Superanuated	New Orleans.
29	Hudson, John W....	Baton Rouge.....	Baton Rouge.
30	Harvey, Frank	Coushatta.....	Coushatta.
31	Johnson, Levi.....	Superanuated	Mandeville.
32	Jackson, Andrew	Gross Tete Circuit.....	Rosedale.
33	Jackson, Tennessee..	Cross Lake and Fairfield.....	Shreveport.
34	Jones, Austin	Monroe	Monroe.
35	Kennedy, Austin	Assumption and Woodlawn	Assumption.
36	Kennedy, Thomas...	Algiers	Algiers.
37	King, Prince	Mt. Zion Church	New Orleans.
38	Landor, Felix	Supernumerary	
39	Legardy, Alfred	Supernumerary	Shreveport.
40	Lacy, George.....	Mt. Carmel	Clinton.
41	Luster, Allen.....	St. Martinsville	St. Martinsville.
42	Landry, Pierre	Baton Rouge District.....	Donaldsonville.
43	Moore, Addison	Cypremort	Glencoe.
44	Morant, S. E. H	Alexandria and Pineville	Alexandria.
45	Murrell, William....	Camp Parapet.....	Carrollton.
46	Montgomery, T. G...	Clinton	Clinton.
47	Marshall, J F.....	St. Paul Church.....	Shreveport.
48	Osborne, Samuel....	Supernumerary	New Orleans.
49	Priestley, Stephen...	First Street Church.....	New Orleans.

CONFERENCE ROLL.—(*Continued.*)

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	POST-OFFICE.
50	Primus, Alexander...	Supernumerary.....	Bayou Goula.
51	Qualls, John.....	Bethel	Baton Rouge.
52	Royal, Eugene P....	Supernumerary.....	New Orleans.
53	Ross, Anthony.....	Pleasant Plains Church	New Orleans.
54	Reeves, Frederick...	Superanuated	
55	Spears, Alexander...	Bastrop.....	Bastrop.
56	Smith, Marshall.....	Supernumerary.....	Clinton.
57	Smith, William.....	LaHarpe Street Church	New Orleans.
58	Sparks, John	Red Springs.....	Shreveport.
59	Thompson, Cortes...	Washington	Washington.
60	Thompson, Reese....	Mansfield	Mansfield.
61	Wallace, Horace.....	Corteteau	Cotile.
62	Washington, George.	Campte	Campte.
63	Wesley, John W....	Island and Bechelle.....	Ouachita.
64	Williams, Emperor..	Franklin.....	Franklin.
65	Walker, Frank.....	Fort Jessup	Fort Jessup.
66	Webb, Wm. C.....	Ames Church	New Orleans.
67	Yarborough, Priestley	Superanuated	

PROBATIONERS.

SECOND YEAR.

1	Evans, Simon.....	St. John and St. Charles.....	St. Charles.
2	Kershaw, Charles...	Jackson.....	Jackson.
3	Washington, George.	Terrebonne	Terrebonne.

FIRST YEAR.

4	Armston, Henry C...	Raceland	Raceland.
5	Crockett, Charles....	Leesville Circuit.....	Leesville.
6	Chinn, Fletcher	Thibodeaux	Taibodeaux.
7	Dyer, Morris	New Iberia.....	New Iberia.
8	Ford, Alexander J...	Cheneyville	Cheneyville.
9	Harrison, Ephraim..	Morgan City	Morgan City.
10	James, Hampton....	West Baton Rouge.....	Baton Rouge.
11	Lewis, James W ...	Pearl River.....	Pearl River.
12	McCary, Thomas....	Shady Grove	Shady Grove.
13	Monroe, Charles.....	Magnolia and Stony Point	Stony Point.
14	Rogers, Jessee.....	The Plains.....	Baton Rouge.
15	Rylander, James H..	Macedonia	Clinton.
16	Wright, Henry J....	Stuart's Chapel.....	Alexandria.
17	Wright, Saunders..	Musson Circuit.....	Manchac.

CONFERENCE HISTORY.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in Annual Conference relations in Louisiana, December 25, 1865, by Bishop Thomson. The Conference then organized included Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and was named the Mississippi Mission Conference. Three annual sessions of this Conference were held, and in January 1867 the Texas Conference, and in 1869 the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences were organized.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	PREACHERS STATIONED.	MEMBERSHIP.
1	Dec. 25, 1865	New Orleans...	Thomson,	J. P. Newman,	16	2,692
2	Dec. 13, 1866	New Orleans....	Simpson,	J. P. Newman,	32	7,899
3	Dec. 19, 1867	New Orleans....	Ames,	James Lynch,	51	16,164

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

1	Jan. 13-18, 1869	New Orleans....	Simpson,	J. P. Newman,	40	12,632
2	Jan. 26-31, 1870 ...	Baton Rouge....	Scott,	L. C. Matlack,	47	10,575
3	Dec. 22-27, 1870	New Orleans....	Scott,	L. C. Matlack,	54	10,286
4	Dec. 14-19, 1871	New Orleans....	Janes,	L. C. Matlack,	58	10,333
5	Jan. 8-14, 1873	New Orleans....	Janes,	M. C. Cole,	63	10,769
6	Jan. 7-13, 1874	Baton Rouge....	Merrill,	J. C. Hartzell,	72	11,737
7	Jan. 6-13, 1875	New Orleans....	Foster,	James Morrow,	74	12,235
8	Jan. 9-10, 1876	New Orleans....	Haven,	J. C. Hartzell,	74	11,287
9	Jan. 10-15, 1877	New Orleans....	Wiley,	J. C. Hartzell,	70	11,178
10	Jan. 9-13, 1878	Baton Rouge....	Harris,	J. C. Hartzell,	72	10,889
11	Jan. 29, Feb. 3, 1879	New Orleans....	Andrews,	J. C. Hartzell,	89	10,639
12	Jan. 21-25, 1880	New Orleans....	Harris.	J. C. Hartzell,	71	11,420
13	Jan. 26-30, 1881	Shreveport.	Foss,	J. C. Hartzell,	72	*10,803

*This decrease for 1880 mostly caused by transfer of three German Churches to Southern German Conference.

NOTE.—An examination of the Statistics shows, that in the first years of the Conference, congregations rather than church members were counted. For example, in 1869 Shreveport was reported to have 1,280 members; Thibodeaux, 839; Clinton, 1012, and Marais Street, New Orleans, 1098. These are specimens. So of years following. Each year the Statistics as to actual membership have been more and more correct. There has been a large annual increase, and the membership as now reported is about correct.

APPOINTMENTS.

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SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

L. P. Cushman, Presiding Elder.

New Orleans: Ames Church, Wm. C. Webb
New Orleans: McCarty Square, to be supplied.
New Orleans: Clinton Street, R. L. Beal.
New Orleans: Camp Parapet and Plum streets, Wm. Murrell.
New Orleans: First Street Church, Stephen Priestley.
New Orleans: Mt. Zion, P. King.
New Orleans: Sixth Street, supplied by S. Lewis.
New Orleans: Simpson Church, J. Gould.
Craigville, to be supplied.
Cypremort, Addison Moore.
Franklin, E. Williams.
Houma, Edward Fields.
Lower Coast, to be supplied.
Morgan City and Centreville, Ephraim Harrison.
Raceland, Henry C. Armston.
Terrebonne, C. Washington.
J. C. Hartzell, Editor Southwestern Christian Advocate.
George R. Bristor, transferred to the Wilmington (Del.) Conference.

NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Marcus Dale, Presiding Elder.

New Orleans: Algiers and Asbury, T Kennedy.
New Orleans: LaHarpe Street, Wm. Smith.
New Orleans: Pleasant Plains, A. Ross.
New Orleans: Thomson Chapel, Wm. Davis.
New Orleans: Union Chapel, A. E. P. Albert.
New Orleans: Wesley Chapel, S. Davage.
Assumption and Woodlawn, A. Kennedy.
Bayou Goula, to be supplied.
Donaldsonville, Isaac Hayward.
Mandeville and Springfield, to be supplied
Pearl River, J. W. Lewis.
Shady Grove, T. McCary.
St. John and St. Charles, Simon Evans.
Thibadeaux, F. T. Chinn.
Whitehall, Z. T. Gayden.

LA TECHE DISTRICT.

Joseph C. Hartzell, Presiding Elder.

Alexandria and Pineville, S. E. H. Morant
Booneville, Washington Brooks.
Holmesville and Marksville, R. Anderson.
Cheneyville, Alexander J. Ford.
Jeanerrette, Willis Carr.
La Teche, Henry Green.
New Iberia and Thomson, M. Dyer.
Opelousas, Abraham Hilton.
St. Martinsville, Allen Luster.
Stuarts' Chapel and Spring Hil H. J. Wright.
Washington and Waxia, Cortes Thompson.
W. D. Godman, Agent Orphans Home, and Principal of La Teche Seminary, Quarterly Conference.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder.

Baton Rouge, W. Hudson.
Bethel, J. Qualls.
Comite, to be supplied by W. E. Hill.
Clinton, T. G. Montgomery.
Gross Tete circuit, A. Jackson.
Jackson, C. Kershaw.
Lake Providence, to be supplied.
Magnolia and Stony Point, Jesse Monroe.
Macedonia, J. H. Rylander.
Mt. Carmel, G. Lacey.
Musson circuit, S. Wright.
Red River Landing and Union Chapel, W. P. Forest.
The Plains, Jesse Rogers.
West Feliciana, to be supplied.
West Baton Rouge, H. James.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder.

Allensville circuit, J. Brooks.
Bastrop, A. Spears.
Coushatta, F. Harvey.
Campte, G. Washington.
Cross Lake and Fairfield, T. Jackson.
Coteteau and Clouterville, H. Wallace.
Dixon circuit, to be supplied by John Fobbs.
Fort Jessup, Frank Walker.
Island and Rochelle, J. W. Wesley.
Leesville circuit, C. Crockett.
Mansfield, Reese Thompson.
Monroe, Austin Jones.
Natchitoches and St. Marks, H. T. O. Abbott.
New Columbia, to be supplied.
Red Springs, John Sparks.
Scott circuit, to be supplied by T. Johnson
Shreveport: St. Paul, J. F. Marshall.
Shreveport: St. James, J. W. Hilton.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Shreveport, La., January 26–30, 1881, Bishop C. D. Foss Presiding: J. C. Hartzell Secretary.

Ques. 1.—*Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Ans.—G. M. Jeffrey, on trial, from Des Moines Conference; L. P. Cushman, from Texas; Wm. Charles Webb, from Virginia.

Ques. 2.—*Who were admitted on trial?*

Ans.—Morris Dyer, Alexander J. Ford, Henry C. Armston, Henry J. Wright, Thomas McCary, Fletcher T. Chinn, James W. Lewis, Hampton James, Charles Munroe, Jesse Rodgers, Sanders Wright, James H. Rylander, Charles Crockett, Ephriam Harrison. —14.

Ques. 3.—*Who remained on trial?*

Ans.—Simon Evans, Charles Washington, Charles Kershaw.—3.

Ques. 4.—*Who are discontinued?*

Ans.—John Sims.

Ques. 5.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 6.—*Who are re-admitted?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 7.—*Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 8.—*What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 9.—*What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 10.—*What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Ans.—Morris Dyer, Alexander J. Ford, James W. Lewis, James H. Rylander, Charles Crocket.—5.

Ques. 11.—*What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*

Ans.—Morris Dyer, Alexander J. Ford, James W. Lewis, James H. Rylander, Charles Crocket.—5.

Ques. 12.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?*

Ans.—Alexander Primus.

Ques. 13.—*Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 14.—*What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Ans.—Edward Fields, Allen Luster, George Lacy, Robert Anderson, Zachery T. Gayden, William Smith, John Qualls.—7.

Ques, 15.—*What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Ans.—Edward Fields, Allen Luster, George Lacy, Robert Anderson, Zachery T. Gayden, William Smith, John Qualls.—7.

Ques. 16.—*What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 17.—*What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 18.—*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Ans.—Felix Landor, Samuel Osborne, Alexander Primus, Alfred Legardy, Eugene P. Royal, Marshall Smith, James Hayward.—7.

Ques. 19.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Ans.—Scott Chinn, Frederick Reeves, Robert Hodge, Reason Ennis, Charles Downs, Presley Yarborough, Levi Johnson, Samuel Armsted.—8.

Ques. 20.—*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

Ans.—This was strictly done, as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

Ques. 21.—*Have any died.*

Ans.—James M. Vance and George Washington.—2.

Ques. 22.—*Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Ans.—Joseph Matlock to North Ohio; A. A. Johnson to Austin; George R. Bristor to Wilmington.—3.

Ques. 23.—*Have any withdrawn?*

Ans.—George B. Lynch.

Ques. 24—*Have any located at their own reqvest?*

Ans.—Alexander Martin.

Ques. 25.—*Have any been located?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 26.—*Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 27.—*Have any been expelled?*

Ans.—None.

Ques. 28.—*Who are the triers of Appeals?*

Ans.—Samuel Davage, J. Gould, J. W. Hilton, A. Ross, I. Hayward, W. Davis, C. Thompson.—7.

Ques. 29.—*What is the statistical report?*

Ans.—(See tabulated statement.),

Ques.—*What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*

Not answered.

Ques. 31.—*What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*

Ans.—$134, which has been applied under order of the Conference.

Ques. 32.—*Where are the Preachers stationed?*

Ans.—(See appointments.)

Ques. 33.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Ans.—Franklin, Louisiana; the time to be fixed by the Bishop.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

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FIRST DAY.

SHREVEPORT, La., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1881.

The thirteenth annual session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met this morning at nine o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, in Shreveport, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D. L. L. D., in the chair.

The Bishop read a portion of scripture and announced a hymn. After singing, J. C. Hartzell, Marcus Dale and the Bishop led in prayer successively.

At the request of the Bishop the secretary of the last session called the roll. The following brethren were present:

Samuel Armsted, H. T. Abbott, A. E. P. Albert, John Brooks, R. L. Beal, Samuel Davage, Marcus Dale, Stephen Duncan, Wm. Davis, Wm. P. Forest, Edward Fields, Henry Green, Joseph Gould, Z. T. Gayden, J. C. Hartzell, Isaac Hayward, Abraham Hilton, J. W. Hilton, John W. Hudson, Frank Harvey, Andrew Jackson, Tennessee Jackson, Thomas Kennedy, Prince King, George Lacy, Allen Luster, Pierre Landry, Addison Moore, S. E. H. Morant, T. G. Montgomery, Julius F. Marshall, Stephen Priestley, John Qualls, Marshall Smith, Wm. Smith, Cortes Thompson, Reese Thompson, Horace Wallace, George Washington, Emperor Williams, Frank Walker.—41.

James M. Vance and George Washington 2nd had died during the year.

Gottlieb Dosdall, Daniel Matthai and Jacob. J. Kienle had been transferred to the Southern German Conference. Albinus A Johnson had been transferred to the Austin Conference. Joseph Matlock had been transferred to the North Ohio Conference.

On motion, J. C. Hartzell was reelected Secretary by acclamation, and on his motion the following were unanimously elected: Assistant Secretary, Julius F. Marshall; Statistical Secretary, A. E. P. Albert; Conference Treasurer, Stephen Priestly.

On motion, the following standing committees were appointed:

Education—P. Landry, A. E. P. Albert, Z. T. Gayden, J. W. Hudson, S. E. H. Morant.

Sunday-schools—E. Williams, J. Qualls, R. Anderson, J. W. Hilton, G. R. Bristor.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Bible Cause—G. Lacy, R. L. Beal, A. Legardy, H. Green, T. Kennedy.

Orphan's Home—H. Wallace, S. Armisted, Wm. Murrell, E. Fields, W. P. Forest.

Stewards—The officers and managers of the Preacher's Aid Society.

Publishing Minutes—The Secretaries.

Board of Church Extension—P. King, William Davis, T. G. Montgomery, W. Carr, H. T. Abbott.

Tracts—A. Kennedy, A. Jackson, J. Sparks, S. Duncan, T. G. Montgomery.

Freedmen's Aid Society and Work among the Freedwomen—Wm. Smith, R. L. Beal, R. Thompson, Stephen Priestly, E. Williams.

Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts—R. L. Beal, J. W. Hilton, S. Priestly, A. E. P. Albert, Isaac Hayward.

Periodicals and Book Concern—S. E. H. Morant, S. Priestly, A. E. P. Albert, Wm. Smith, J. F. Marshall, H. Wallace.

Temperance—J. C. Hartzell, M. Dale, J. Gould, A. Moore, S. Davage, A. E. P. Albert.

Public Worship—The Presiding Elder and Pastors of Shreveport.

Memoirs—A. E. P. Albert, Wm. Davis, E. Williams, J. F. Marshall, Wm. Murrell.

On motion, a Committee on Conference Relations was ordered, to be appointed by the Bishop, to which the superannuated and supernumery preachers were referred for recommendations as to their relations to the Conference; and to which should also be referred for consideration such special cases as the Cabinet may decide.

On motion, it was made the duty of each Standing Committee to have its report on the Secretary's table by Thursday noon, unless for special reasons this was found to be impracticable.

On motion, it was ordered that every preacher must report his statistics to the Statistical Secretary, and pay his Conference monies to the Conference Treasurer before adjournment on Friday noon

Pierre Landry was appointed a special committee to collect the accounts of the Book Concern at New Orleans.

Wm. Davis was appointed a special committee to collect the Book Concern accounts due at New York and Cincinnati.

The time of meeting was fixed at 9:30 a. m., and adjournment at 1:30 p. m.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to extend to the front of the fourth window on each side from the pulpit.

A communication was presented and read from the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, at New York and Cincinnati, of the Episcopal Fund, stating that the Louisiana Conference was assessed $90 for 1881.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were directed to apportion the amount to the several districts and charges, and see that it was raised.

The Report of the Book Committee and Exhibit of the Book Concerns, New York and Cincinnati, in 1879, was presented and referred to the proper committee, and the Secretary directed to publish an abstract in the minutes.

The Bishop stated that G. M. Jeffrey, on trial in the Des Moines Conference, and a deacon, had been appointed a missionary to South America by Bishop Harris, and that the latter had requested this Conference to elect him to elder's orders, so he could be ordained and start at once.

The Bishop transferred him, and on motion he was elected an elder under the missionary rule.

Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M., Sunday-school Agent for the Southern States, Rev. W. H. Davis, President Wiley University, and Rev. W. L. Molloy, of the Texas Conference, were introduced.

The preachers were directed in reporting their benevolent contributions to state first the total amount raised, and second the amount raised for missions.

Question 20 was taken up: *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

Samuel Davage, Presiding Elder of Shreveport District, reported his District, and his character was passed. Also, the following brethren of the same District, reported their collections either personally or through their Presiding Elder, and their characters were passed: S. E. H. Morant, R. Thompson, F. Harvey, John Brooks, F. Walker, George Washington, S. Armisted, Austin Jones, Alexander Spears, J. W. Wesley.

J. C. Hartzell, who had had charge of the La Teche District since the transfer of J. Matlock to another Conference on account of ill

health, reported that District, and the following brethren reported their collections, and their charaters were passed: A. Moore, J. W. Hudson, R. L. Beal, W. Carr, H. Wallace, W. Brooks, A. Hilton, J. F. Marshall.

Felix Lander had gone to Kansas, and his relation was changed from effective to supernumerary.

J. Gould, Presiding Elder of the Baton Rouge District, reported his work. His character was passed, and the following brethren of the same District reported their collections and their characters were passed: W. P. Forest, I. Hayward, A. Jackson, S. Osborne, T. G. Montgomery, M. Smith, and A. Martin.

Alexander Martin was granted a location at his own request.

Marcus Dale, Presiding Elder of the North New-Orleans District, reported his work, his character passed, and the following brethren of the same District reported their collections, and their characters were passed: Emperor Williams, A. E. P. Albert, E. P. Royal, Anthony Ross, Thomas Kennedy, Wm. Davis, Austin Kennedy, and Levi Johnson.

J. C. Hartzell, Presiding Elder of the South New-Orleans District, reported his work and his character was passed, and the following brethren of the same District reported their collections and their characters were passed; G. R. Bristor, Stephen Priestley, Prince King, Henry Green, Stephen Duncan, Wm. Murrell, Pierre Landry.

W. D. Godman was absent; his character was passed, and the Bishop requested to appoint him to the Agency of the Orphans' Home and Principal La Teche Seminary.

Question 19 was taken up: *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

The names of the following were called and their relations as superannuates were continued: F. Reeves, Scott Chinn, Robert Hodge, Reason Ennis, Charles Downs, and Presley Yarborough.

Question 13 was taken up: *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?*

A. Primus was absent; his character was passed, and he was continued as deacon of the first class.

The characters of Z. T. Gayden, Wm. Smith, and John Qualls were passed, the Presiding Elders reported their work, and as they had passed the required examinations, they were advanced to deacons of the second class.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

SHREVEPORT, Thursday, January 27, 1881.

Conference opened at 9:30 a. m., Bishop Foss in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by Emperor Williams and Rev. W. L. Molloy, of Texas.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The roll call of yesterday's absentees was made, and the following answered to their names:

Wm. Murrell, A. Legardy.

THE PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.

The business of the Conference was suspended to take up the business of the Preacher's Aid Society. Bishop Foss presided.

(*For proceedings of this society see Appendix.*)

CONFERENCE BUSINESS RESUMED.

On the resumption of Conference business the following brethren were introduced:

Rev. A. Warren, of Colorado Conference; Rev. J. T. Sawyer, Pastor of the M. E. Church South, in this city, and J. J. Stockwell, Esq., and Dr. C. H. Jones, of this city.

Rev. L. P. Cushman was introduced, and his transfer to this Conference, from the Texas Conference, was announced by the Bishop, and his name placed on the roll.

Rev. W. H. Davis, A. M., President of Wiley University at Marshall, Texas, addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution. Rev. W. L. Molloy, of Texas, followed with some remarks. At request of the Conference Rev. J. T. Sawyer spoke. He expressed himself as heartily in sympathy with all Methodisms. Bishop Foss followed with a statement of the satisfaction he had in the evidences of increased fraternal relations between the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal Church South. J. C. Hartzell and Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M., also spoke.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society reported, on the work of that society, and the report was adopted.—See Reports.

After announcements the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. A. Warren.

THIRD DAY.

SHREVEPORT, Friday, January 28, 1881.

Conference met at 9:30 a. m., Bishop Foss in the chair.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Pierre Landry and L. P. Cushman.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The roll-call of absentees of yesterday was made, and the following answered to their names :

G. R. Bristor, R. Anderson, W. Brooks, W. Carr, Austin Kennedy, John Sparks.

Several brethren expressed a desire to the Bishop that, if possible, J. C. Hartzell be retained in the Presiding Eldership the coming year, by appointment to another District, as his time on the South New-Orleans District has expired. The Bishop replied that the Brother had by letter, weeks ago, and personally, since the Conference began, requested to be relieved from the District work, so he could give his undivided attention to the Editorship of the SOUTHWESTERN, to which the General Conference had elected him. He also stated that he had received requests from individual members of the Conference, and also a largely-signed petition asking that Brother Hartzell be retained in the Presiding Eldership for at least another year, and that he would carefully consider the matter in making the appointments.

On motion of Marcus Dale, a commission of five was ordered to be appointed by the Bishop, under paragraph 230 of the Discipline, to meet a similar commission, which the Mississippi Conference is by the same action requested to appoint, to consider the propriety of re-adjusting the boundaries between these two Conferences.

A draft of $30 was ordered on the chartered fund.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, and after sundry amendments, the report was adopted as follows :

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN : Your Committee appointed on Conference Relations beg leave to submit the following report :

We have examined into the usefulness and acceptability of the following-named brethren, and we recommend that they be granted the following relations :

Samuel Osborne—Supernumerary, and be requested to locate.
Alexander Primus—Supernumerary.
E. P. Royal—Supernumerary, and that he be requested to locate.
Marshall Smith—Supernumerary, and that he be requested to locate.
Levi Johnson—Superannuated.
Samuel Armsted—Superannuated.

In the case of Wm. P. Forrest, we recommend that he be continued in his effective relation.

A. E. P. ALBERT, Chairman.
J. F. MARSHALL, Secretary.
J. W. HUDSON.
STEPHEN PRIESTLEY.
JOHN BROOKS.

A telegram was read from Alexander Spears, dated Bastrop, La., stating that he was sick and not able to attend Conference.

Question 2 was taken up : *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

The following were admitted on trial, having been duly examined

and recommended: Morris Dyer, from New Iberia; Alexander J. Ford, from Franklin; Henry C. Armiston, from Mt. Zion Church, New Orleans; Henry J. Wright, from Alexandria; Thomas McCary, from Cypremort; Fletcher T. Chinn, from Thibodeaux; Hampton James, from Baton Rouge; Charles Monroe, from Mt. Carmel; Jesse Rogers and Sandy Wright, from Baton Rouge; James H. Rylander, from Grosse Tete; Charles Crockett, from Fort Jesup; and James W. Lewis, from Thompson Chapel, New Orleans.

The recommendation of Samuel Lewis, of Sixth street, New Orleans, was presented, but he was not received. The Presiding Elder was authorized to use him as a supply if needed.

The following respecting examinations in Conference studies was adopted:

WHEREAS, The efficiency of our ministry depends largely upon the scholarship of our preachers; and

WHEREAS, In the judgment of this Conference the time has come to require of our undergraduates that they master the studies required in the new Disciplinary course;

Therefore, resolved, that we give notice that hereafter this Conference will not advance any undergraduates until they at least possess the required books, and have read them.

Question 14 was taken up: *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*

Edward Fields, Allen Luster, George Lacey, and R. Anderson reported their collections, were represented favorably by their Presiding Elders, had passed the required examinations, and were elected to Elder's orders.

George B. Lynch had withdrawn from the ministry and Church, and the Presiding Elder was directed to request him to return to the Conference his deacon's parchment.

Z. T. Gayden, Wm. Smith, John Qualls, being deacons three years, and having passed the third and fourth years courses of study, were elected to Elder's orders.

J. Gould, Presiding Elder of Baton Rouge District, to whom had been referred the case of C. Thompson for examination, by the last Conference, presented the action of the proceedings of the investigation committee as follows:

To Rev. J. GOULD, Presiding Elder, Baton Rouge District:

Your Committee finds no clear grounds for convicting Bro. Cortes Thompson, and therefore acquit him of said complaint as alleged by Brother Louis Williams.

(Signed) HENRY GREEN, Chairman.
STEPHEN PRIESTLEY.
ISAAC HAYWARD.
PRINCE KING.
W. P. FOREST.

The following were approved as Conference claimants for the past

year: Robert Hodge, Scott Chinn, Charles Downs, Reason Ennis, Presley Yarbrough, F. Reeves, James Hayward, and Widows Hayward, Small, Brown, Daily, Vance, Washington, Overton, Taylor, Dutch, and Bryan.

Dr. Booth and Hon. J. Henry Shepherd, of this city, were introduced. Mr. Shepherd, being Superintendent of Public Schools of this parish, was invited to address the Conference at such time as would suit him.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow was fixed to be the reception of the report of Committee on Memoirs.

Question 18 was taken up: *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* The following were placed in that relation: A. Legardy, James Hayward.

After announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

SHREVEPORT, Saturday, Jan. 29, 1881.

Conference opened at 9:30 a. m. Bishop Foss in the chair.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Dr. R. S. Rust and Rev. Samuel Armsted.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The roll of absentees was called and Austin Jones and J. W. Wesley answered to their names.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported, and after an address by Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M., Agent of the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Southern States, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the address of Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M., on the subject of Sunday-school work and literature.

Resolved, That we cordially invite him to visit each one of our districts during the coming year and hold a Sunday-school District Conference Convention.

Question 10 was taken up: *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*

Morris Dyer, recommended from New Iberia; J. H. Rylander, from New Roads; A. J. Ford, from Franklin; Charles Crocket, from Fort Jessup and J. W. Lewis, from Thompson Chapel, New Orleans, were elected to Local Deacon's orders.

It being announced that the steamboat, Yazoo Valley, would leave

for New Orleans to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 5 p. m., and that no other boat of the line would leave for several days, a committee consisting of P. Landry, S. Davage and L. P. Cushman, was appointed to confer with the Captain and see if he would not wait until Monday morning, and leave at one o'clock a. m., so that the preachers would not have to travel on Sunday.

Shortly afterward the Committee returned and stated that Captain Rea, of the steamboat Yazoo Valley, has cheerfully agreed to remain until one o'clock a. m. Monday, so that the preachers would not have to travel on Sunday.

A vote of thanks was returned to Captain Rea for his kindness.

Question 5 was taken up: *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Simon Evans, Charles Kershaw and Charles Washington were absent and were continued on trial. John Sims was present, but at his own request he was discontinned, so that he could attend school.

Question 33 was taken up: *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

The following places were put in nomination: Franklin, Donaldsonville, Alexanderia, Union Chapel, N. O., Monroe, Washington.

Franklin was chosen as the place of holding the next session.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were directed to memoralize the State Legislature, in the name of the Conference, in behalf of prohibitory Temperance Legislation.

The Committees on Memoirs, Bible Cause, Church Extension, Periodicals and Book Concern, Education, Temperance, Tracts, Sunday-schools and Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts reported, and their reports were adopted. (See Reports.)

The Stewards reported, and their report were adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Orphans' Home not being prepared to report on motion, the Board of Managers of the Home were requested to make a full statement of the condition of that institution and to publish it in the minutes.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were requested to advance $20 each for the publication of the minutes, and were directed to collect a proportionate amount from each preacher.

The case of James Hayward, who has lost his mind, was considered, and a committee consisting of J. Gould, P. King and E. Williams was appointed, to represent the Conference, in taking care of him. Each preacher was requested to take a collection for him and forward it to this committee.

Hon. J. H. Shepherd, Superintendent of Public Schools in Caddo

Parish, addressed the Conference. He set forth the importance of education, the encouraging evidences of advance in the establishment of public schools, and urged upon the ministers to use their influence to see that only men who favor public schools be elected to offices of trust.

On motion of P. Landry the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we thank Mr. Shepherd for his address, and that we will do all in our power to help build up the public schools, and that we will follow his advice to influence our people to vote only for men for office who favor public schools.

Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and Prof. Otterman, of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, were introduced.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Ford, A. M.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

SHREVEPORT, Saturday, January 29, 1881.

Conference met at 7:30 p. m. Bishop Foss in the chair.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Dr. R. S. Rust.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Question 2 resumed: *Who are admitted on trial?*

Ephriam Harrison, recommended from Holmesville, was admitted on trial.

The Statistical Secretary, A. E. P. Albert, made his report, by summaries, and the report was adopted. (See Statistical Tables.)

Rev. Dr. Rust addressed the Conference in the interests of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and by a unanimous vote the Conference pledged greater efforts in the future in supporting this Society.

The Conference Stewards reported, and their report was adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion of the Secretary the Presiding Elders were directed to secure an Act of Incorporation from the Legislature for the Louisiana Annual Conference as the Discipline suggests.

The Secretary stated that the work among the Freedwomen had not yet been considered by the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, or acted upon by the Conference. He had a communication from Mrs. Jennie C. Hartzell giving a history of the organization and progress of this work in Louisiana, and also of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of which Mrs. President Hayes is President and Mrs. Dr. Rust Secretary; and also stating that this Society would hereafter carry forward this work. Mrs. Hartzell has been appointed Corresponding Secretary for Louisiana. Owing to the rush of business

made necessary so as to adjourn to-night the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders for 1881 be directed to prepare for the minutes a statement of the high appreciation of this Conference of the work inaugurated and carried forward during the past three years by Mrs. Hartzell and her co-laborers in this State among the Freedwomen; and also a statement of the work and plans of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and to represent this Conference in securing the co-operation of our preachers and people in carrying forward the work under the direction of Mrs. Hartzell, Corresponding Secretary for this State.

On motion of J. Gould, St. Paul and St. James Churches, of this city, were requested to take up a collection for Bro. J. Hayward.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were directed to apportion the various amounts apportioned to be raised by this Conference for the various benevolent societies, to the several districts and charges.

J. C. Hartzell called attention to the imperiled condition of Mt. Zion Church, New Orleans, and, on motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Church Extension be directed to investigate carefully the condition of that church and to ask the Board at Philadelphia to give such aid at will save it.

On motion, a committee consisting of P. Landry, A. E. P. Aibert, E. Williams and the Secretary was appointed on complimentary resolutions.

Mr. Dodes, Dr. Wm. M. Turner, Captain Morrison, of the *Daily Standard*, and Mr. Hargrove, of the *Daily Times*, were introduced.

The Bishop announced the following as the Commission on Boundaries: J. C. Hartzell, M. Dale, E. Williams, S. Priestly, J. Gould.

Also the following to be delegates to the Convention of the National Temperance Society as ordered in report on Temperance: A. E. P. Albert, L. P. Cushman, J. F. Marshall, C. Thompson, S. E. H. Morant, R. Anderson and S. Davage.

The Triers of Appeals were elected. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

The Conference Board of Church Extension were elected: President, Samuel Davage; Vice President, Marcus Dale; Secretary, J. C. Hartzell; Treasurer, Cyrus Bussey; Additional Managers, J. Page, G. Bell, Z. H. Campbell, A. E. P. Albert.

The following Committees on Examinations were appointed:

On candidates for admission on trial: The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year: S. E. H. Morant, R. L. Beal.

Second Year: A. E. P. Albert and A. Moore.

Third Year: J. F. Marshall, S. Priestly.

Fourth Year: W. D. Godman, J. W. Hudson.

To preach Missionary Sermon: L. P. Cushman, R. L. Beal.

The minutes at this point were read and approved.

On motion, it was decided that the Conference would stand adjourned *sine die* to-morrow afternoon after reports from the Committees on Complimentary Resolutions and Missions, and the announcement of the appointments by the Bishop, after the ordination of Elders in St. James Church.

Closed with benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

SHREVEPORT, Sunday, January 30, 1881.

Conference was convened by Bishop Foss, in St. James Church, after public services, during which the church was dedicated and the class of Elders ordained.

The Bishop announced the transfer of William Charles Webb from the Virginia to the Louisiana Conference.

The Bishop handed the Secretary the following certificate of ordination :

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This may certify that at Shreveport, La., on this 30th day of January, 1881, I have ordained James H. Rylander, Morris Dyer, Alexander J. Ford, James W. Lewis, and Charles Crockett, as Deacons in the Church of God; and that in the same city, on the same day, assisted by several Elders, I have ordained Edward Fields, Allen Luster, George Lacey, Robert Anderson, Zachary T. Gayden, William Smith, and John Qualls, as Elders in the Church of God.

CYRUS D. FOSS.

The Committee on Complimentary Resolutions recommended the adoption of the following, and each resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

1. RESOLVED, That we extend to Bishop Foss our sincere thanks for his very efficient and impartial administration. His bearing among us has been that of a brother in the Lord, as well as an efficient representative of our great Church. We will extend to him a cordial welcome whenever in the providence of the Lord he is called to visit us again, which we trust may be in the near future.

2. RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to the pastors and people of our churches in this city for their generous and hospitable entertainment; and to the other citizens of Shreveport, especially the pastor and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, for their kindly interest in our Conference and its work, manifested in many ways.

3. RESOLVED, That this Conference extend hearty thanks to the Red River Transportation Company, through their agents, Captain Aiken, of New Orleans, and Captain Scovill, of Shreveport, for reduced fares to and from Conference; also, to the Captains and officers of the boats for courtesies extended to the preachers while on the route.

4. RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks to the Daily "Standard" and Daily "Times," of this city, for the correct and daily reports of the proceedings of the Conference which have appeared in their columns.

A. E. P. ALBERT, Chairman.

The Committee on Missions reported, and it was approved. (See Reports.)

Bishop Foss addressed the Conference briefly, but most acceptably, and announced the appointments for the ensuing Conference year. (See Appointments.)

The Conference closed by singing the Doxology by the Conference and congregation, and benediction by the Bishop.

(Signed) CYRUS D. FOSS, President.
J. C. HARTZELL, Secretary.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to refer to previous reports, in which have been embodied the convictions which lie deep in the heart of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To this great cause our Church has always been true. If we of to-day should fail to be true to this great interest, we should by that failure show ourselves to be unworthy sons of our fathers.

We offer the following for your adoption :

RESOLVED, 1. That we will carry out the spirit of our Church, and preach at least once a year in each of our congregations on the duty of educating the children, both in the common schools and in the higher seminaries of learning.

RESOLVED, 2. That we rejoice in the success of the New-Orleans University under its present management, and that we extend to the President, Prof. I. N. Failor, who is so well qualified to fill this most important trust, all possible sympathy in this important work, and pray for his continuance in same.

RESOLVED, 3. That in the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, the Church has a worthy representative and a successful and valiant worker in the Master's vineyard.

PERIODICALS.

It is the judgment of this Committee that at no period in the history of our Church was there more cause for gratitude to God and congratulation to ourselves for the great work that is being done by our publishing interests than at the present time. Thousands upon thousands of sacred books, newspapers, and tracts are issued from our publishing houses, which go as messengers of mercy and truth bearing the truth and teaching the precious lessons of Jesus and his love to the masses, of all classes and conditions. The effects of this great agency are seen and felt daily.

We offer the following resolutions for your adoption:

RESOLVED, 1. That the exhibit of the Book Concerns gives much satisfaction, and that Messrs. Phillips & Hunt, in the East, and Messrs. Walden & Stowe, in the West, as Agents, are worthy of our highest appreciation and confidence.

RESOLVED, 2. That the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is not only a clear

expositor of Methodist doctrine and polity, but a bold, faithful, and fearless defender of truth and equal justice; and that its policy has ever met our unqualified approbation.

We therefore ask that all our subscribers will continue to take the paper, and urge that the ministers of this Conference be not contented until the subscription list of the SOUTHWESTERN reaches six thousand or more paying subscribers.

RESOLVED, 3. That in the Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., the Church has an efficient officer—one who has stood firm and true where many would have faltered.

RESOLVED, 4. That the first fair Sabbath in February be set apart in every congregation as SOUTHWESTERN Day, when the claims of the paper shall be presented and every possible effort be made to secure subscribers.

RESOLVED, 5. That we recommend to every Quarterly Conference in the State to refuse to grant or renew of the license of any exhorter or local preacher who does not subscribe and pay for the SOUTHWESTERN.

TRACT SOCIETY.

Infidelity and skepticism, under the garb of liberty and philanthropy are scattering broadcast their poisoned literature, corrupting the very life-blood of our Christian Nation.

RESOLVED, That we will do all in our power to check the wide-spreading influence of skepticism by circulating the excellent religious tracts published by our our Church through its Tract Society.

RESOLVED, That we will not fail to take a collection in all our churches for this cause, as directed in the Discipline.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

In the Freedmen's Aid Society we have one of the most efficient agencies in elevating and raising the colored people of America. In Dr. Rust we recognize a champion of indefatigable industry, one who has at all times looked to the interests of that people. We, therefore, endorse the action of the General Conference in re-electing him to again fill the position he has so long held with honor and distinction. The New Orleans University, as far as we can learn, has made rapid advancement under the presidency of Professor I. N. Failor. We hope the ministers of this Conference will do all in their power to assist him, by sending as many students as they can to this school, and also impress upon the minds of our people the necessity of supporting this great work.

We thank the friends of the North for their kindness and help and trust that they will continue to contribute to our support. At the same time we will do all in our power to help ourselves.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday-school is a very important department of church work, and cannot be neglected or indifferently cared for without great injury coming to the church, we offer the following for adoption.

1st. That we, as Pastors, will give more prayerful attention to the

Sunday-schools already organized in the bounds of our charges, and at appointments where none are organized, we will, as soon as possible, organize according to the rule in our Discipline.

2d. That we will see that all of our schools are supplied with our own Sunday-school literature, viz: Sunday-school Journal, Catechisms, Berean Lesson Leaf and Good Tidings.

3d. That we will put forth *vigorous* efforts to raise monies to purchase a circulating library for each school, the books to be selected from our own catalogue.

4th. That we urge the Presiding Elders to organize each district into a Sunday-school Normal institute, and hold one session each year.

5th. That we will without fail take at each of our appointments the annual collection for the Sunday-school Union.

MISSIONS.

The following appropriations for the various districts and charges for the ensuing Conference year were made upon the recommendation of the Committee on Missions, the concurance of Bishop Foss, and the approval of the Conference:

South New Orleans District	$1,000 00
Ames Church	800 00
Mount Zion	125 00
Sixth street, N. O	50 00
Simpson Church	100 00
Camp Parapet	60 00
Craigsville	35 00
Houma	20 00
Morgan City and Centerville	25 00
Raceland	40 00
	$2,255 00
North New Orleans District	$ 850 00
Algiers and Asbury	100 00
Pleasant Plains	100 00
Thompson Chapel	50 00
Assumption and Woodlawn	50 00
Mandeville and Springfield	40 00
Pearl River	50 00
Shady Grove	40 00
St. John and St. Charles	75 00
Whitehall	40 00
	$1,395 00
La Teche District	$ 700 00
Cheneyville	50 00
Holemsville and Marksville	40 00
Jeannerette	30 00
La Teche	75 00
New Iberia and Thompson	25 00
Opelousas	50 00
St. Martinsville	20 00
Stuart Chapel and Spring Hill	30 00
	$1,020 00
Baton Rouge District	$ 800 00
Bethel	40 00
Comite	25 00
Jackson	40 00
Magnolia and Stony Point	20 00
Macedonia	20 00
Mt. Carmel	30 00
Musson Station	25 00
Red River Landing	50 00
Clinton	40 00
West Baton Rouge	20 00
The Plains	10 00
	$1120 00
Shreveport District	$ 700 00
Allensville Circuit	45 00
Bastrop	20 00
Campte	40 00
Scott Circuit	25 00
Dixson Circuit	40 00
Fort Jessup	40 00
Island and Bechelle	20 00
Leesville Circuit	40 00
Red Springs	40 00
	$1,010 00
Total amount appropriated	$6,800

I concur in the above appropriations. C. D. FOSS.

SHREVEPORT, January 29, 1881.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee is just as satisfied as ever that the most formidable enemy with which we have to war, in our modern Christian conflict, is intemperance. It is a strong enemy that we have to confront wherever we go and in all classes of society. It is the Protean formed hydra headed monster that is sucking the life-blood of the Church and Nation, and in whose enormous maw are being transformed hundreds of thousands of promising men and women into beggars, mourners, thieves, murderers and assassins. While other agencies are calculated to help in the warfare to destroy this demon, the Church is the only all efficient one. Therefore we re-affirm the resolutions of the last Conference and ask the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That each member of this Conference shall strictly enforce the Discipline upon the subject of Temperance, and that pledges be kept in all of our Sunday-schools, and charges to be offered for signature after stated Temperance efforts.

Resolved, That we most favorably recommend to all those in our charges the Independent Oorder of Good Templars and other kindred organizations for the overthrow of Intemperance.

Resolved, That in response to the call of the National Temperance Society, this Conference elect seven delegates to represent this Conference in the National Temperance Convention to convene at Saratoga Springs, June 21st, 1881.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be directed to memorialize the Legislature, in behalf of this Conference, in favor of prohibitory temperance legislation.

BIBLE CAUSE.

We regard the Holy Scriptures as the only foundation of divine truth, and as the chief bulwark of religious liberty. The knowledge of them tends to lead man to a higher order of life, and their general circulation promotes popular morality and education. For these and many other reasons God's word should be read by and preached to all mankind.

Resolved, 1. That in the American Bible Society we see a grand agency raised up by Providence to send the Scriptures to all peoples.

Resolved, 2. That we will appoint a special service in all our congregations in which the Bible cause shall be presented and a collection taken.

Resolved, 3. That in our judgment the Bible should be a text-book in all our public and private schools.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

RECEIPTS.

From Chartered fund, $30; from Conference claimant collection, $74; from Preachers' Aid Society, $30; total $134.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Robert Hodge, $15; Scott Chinn, $15; Charles Downs, $10; Reason Ennis, $10; P. Yarborough, $10; J. Hayward, $17; Widow Hayward, $5; Widow Small, $10; Widow Brown, $5; Widow Daily, $5; Widow Vance, $5; Widow Dutch, $5; Widow Bryan, $7; Widow Washington, $5; Widow Overton, $5; Widow Taylor, $5; total disbursements, $134.

Shreveport, January 31, 1881.

ON AUDITING PRESIDING ELDER'S ACCOUNTS.

SHREVEPORT, La, January 28, 1881.

To the Bishop and Conference—Your Committee appointed on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts have examined with carefulness into the accounts of Presiding Elders Hartzell, Gould, Dale, Matlock and Davage. Matlock, whose time, since he left us, has been filled by J. C. Hartzell, and found them correct, all monies having been paid as appropriated by the last Conference.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee appointed on Church Extension beg leave to submit this their report as follows :

That the Board of Church Extension, with its headquarters in Phildadelphia, has during the past year given to following named charges donations which deserves our earnest thanks to wit :

Sixth Street, New Orleans, South New Orleans District, $100; Jeannerette LaTeche, $200 ; New Iberia, $200; Boonsville $100; total, $600.

Resolved 1st, That we affectionately urge upon our preachers and people the necessity of doing all we can to further the interests of this noble Society in our country.

Resolved 2nd, That we as pastors preach in our respective charges upon the claims of this Society and take the regular collections for its support some Sabbath during the Conference year.

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MEMOIRS.

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REV. JAMES MADISON VANCE.

James Madison Vance was born in the city of Nashville, Tenn., A D. 1816. He came to the city of New Orleans when ten years old. He was in the ministry for forty years and was among the first colored Presiding Elders of our church. He served for several years as Presiding Elder of the Shreveport and Opelousas Districts, during the early days of missionary work among our people in the South. He was pastor for a number of years of Wesley Chapel and Union Chapel in the city of New Orleans.

The payment of long-standing obligations against these church properties, and the marked temporal and spiritual improvements made during his stay at both churches, together with his ample labors and successes are remarkable evidences of his worth as an earnest worker in the interest of our great and holy calling. He died in the month of May, A. D. 1879, at the advanced age of 63 years.

He died as he had lived, an honored soldier of our blessed Redeemer.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert administered to him during his painful and prolonged illness. To him he declared, only a few hours before he died, that "all was well," that he "had peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." He said to his wife: "Ma, I'm being borne away on the wings of angels." He called his sons Jamas and Charles; gave them a dying charge to meet him in heaven and peacefully passed away to the home of the blest, to mansions in the skies.

His remains were conveyed to their last resting, from Union Chapel, followed by a vast concourse of sincere and devoted friends and mourners, and put away with due Christian and Masonic ceremonies. He left his wife, two sons and a vast multitude of friends to mourn his loss. Peace be to his ashes, till he and us shall be awakened from the sleep of death to take our places in the highest Heaven.

REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

George Washington died on the 25th of October, 1880. For many years he was an effective and honored minister of the Louisiana Conference. Wherever he went he was known only to be loved and honored. His memory will long be cherished in this Conference. Just a short time before he launched out upon the broad bosom of eternity, he told his friends he was ready to go. Said he, "Tell my Presiding Elder I'm not going to die, but I'm only changing worlds to see Jesus. I have been working many days for this day and now am I ready, for I have a home beyond the skies." He leaves a vast number of ardent and devoted friends that join with his family in their loss, which is his eternal gain. We will see him again!

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in Shreveport, La., January 27, 1881, Bishop Foss presiding.

The Board of Control made its report through its Secretary, Stephen Priestley, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN.—At the last Annual Meeting, held in New Orleans, January 24, 1880, Bishop Harris presiding, the following action was taken:

"On motion it was decided that the affairs of the Society should be left in the hands of the officers and managers during the ensuing year, that they were to collect all dues and outstanding claims, and apply the receipts equally among the superannuated preachers, and make a full report of their doings to the next Annual Meeting."

In accordance with the spirit of this action, we herewith submit a full report of the condition of the Society up to date, and make such recommendations as in our judgment are wise.

Dec. 24, 1877, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, held in New Orleans, the assets of the Society were found to consist of a note, signed by Julius Polk, the former treasurer, for $80 85, dated Dec. 21, 1877.

At this meeting, it was recommended that of this amount $25 should be given to R. Hodge, also $25 to Scott Chinn, and $5 to "each widow of deceased preachers entitled to receive Conference aid." The expectation was that this note would be collected, but this expectation failed, and as yet nothing has been collected of Mr. Polk.

At the Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge, January 10, 1878, the recommendations of the Board were adopted, but as no collections could be made, the recommendations could not be carried out without other money was provided.

At this Conference, January 10, the second day after adopting the recommendations of the Board, $59 were collected in dues. (See Conference Minutes.) Ten dollars ($10) of this was appropriated to publish the Constitution and proceedings in the Conference Minutes; five dollars ($5) each were given to Widows Daily, Hayward, Bryan, Taylor, and Small, making $25 to them, and $12 each (the balance) were given to R. Hodge and Scott Chinn, to be applied toward paying the $25 appropriated to each before.

April 7, 1878, a second dividend of ten per cent. was received from the amount on deposit in Freedmen's Savings Bank, amounting to $11 53. Eleven dollars

this was divided equally with Brothers Hodge and Chinn, giving to each $5 50. making, with the $12 each from the Baton Rouge Conference, $17 50 which each of these brethren has received on the $25 appropriated to them January 10, 1878. The receipts signed by Bros. Chinn and Hodge are attached to this report.

In the Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Jan. 29–Feb. 3, 1879, on the second day, the only action was as follows:

"The Preachers' Aid Society was called to order, and after some general remarks adjourned subject to call of the Bishop."

The Society had no further meeting that session.

However, on the fourth day of the session, Feb. 1, 1879, a resolution offered by Dr. Hartzell was adopted, directing that a subscription be taken, as a special fund to aid Bros. Chinn and Hodge, the money to be be placed in the hands of the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Aid Society and one dollar of each subscription to go to the payment of annual dues to the Aid Society; the understanding being that the pastors could take up collections in their congregations to pay their subscriptions."

The subscription taken under this resolution amounted to $305, and the amount paid on the same day was $41 50, as shown by the published Conference Minutes of that date.

Nov. 23, 1880, a third dividend of ten per cent was received from the Freedmen's Savings Bank deposit, amounting to $11 53, and $10 of this amount was given to R. Hodge, because of his enfeebled condition, he being confined to his bed.

We give a full statement of moneys received and expended by the Society since January 10, 1878, when the last financial statement to an Annual Meeting was made:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
January 10, 1878—Received on Society dues	$59 00	April, 1878—To Scott Chinn	$17 50
April 7, 1878—Second Dividend from Freedmen's Savings Bank	11 53	" " To Robert Hodge	17 50
February 1, 1879—Received in Conference on subscription	41 50	" " To Widows Daily, Hayward. Bryan, Taylor and Small, each $5	25 00
December 3, 1880—Third Dividend from Freedmen's Bank	11 53	" " For publication of Constitution	10 00
December 31, 1880—Collected at sundry times on subscriptions due	63 65	Dec. 1, 1880—To R. Hodge, at sundry times	54 50
		" " To Scott Chinn, at sundry times	50 25
		Dec. 31, 1880—To R. Hodge	10 00
		" " Incidentals, Printing Postals for Circulars, etc	2 50
	$187 21		$187 25

The Polk note of $80 85 is still in hand. We have made every effort possible to collect it, but thus far have failed. The note is now in the hands of an attorney for collection.

The memorandum-book containing the record of payments on the special Chinn and Hodge subscriptions, since the payments of the first day, has been mislaid. The adoption of the following is recommended:

Resolved, each member who has not paid his subscription of February 1, 1879, be requested to do so as soon as practicable.

It is recommended that whatever money may come into the treasury of the So-

ciety during the present session of the Annual Conference be distributed to the Conference claimants as the Board of Control may judge best.

It is recommended that the full proceedings of this meeting, and the meetings of the Board of Control, and the Constitution as amended, and the roll of annual and life members, be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Annual Conference, and that the expense, etc., as much as may be needed, be appropriated to cover the expense.

On motion, after some discussion, the report of the Board of Control, and its recommendations, were approved and adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Board of Control submitted through J. C. Hartzell the following amendments to the Constitution as printed in Conference Minutes of January 9–13, 1878, which, after discussion in each case, were adopted singly, and the Constitution as amended adopted as a whole :

First Amendment : That after each article number shall be printed the subject of which the article treats, and the paragraphs be numbered in each article.

Second Amendment : That Article III. be amended by adding the sentence " All dues from members are payable in advance ; and any person whose dues are not paid up to the date of any Annual Meeting, and who does not pay the debt when his attention is called to it in the Annual Meeting by the Board of Control, cannot participate in the proceedings of the Society until it is paid ; nor can he, if he be a member of the Conference, receive any benefits from the Society until his debt is paid.

Third Amendment : That Article V. be amended by striking out all after the words "the President of the Conference presiding," and adding the following: " and the order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll, and collection of dues.

2. Report from the Board of Control, including (a) Receipts and Expenditures of Monies during past year, and Cash in hand ;

(b.) A report of the assets of the Society, and if the Investing Committee has made any investment of the funds of the Society, a full statement of such investments ;

(c.) The amount at the disposal of the Society for distribution, and recommendations as to its disbursement for the Conference year now closing ;

(d.) All other matters necessary to a full understanding of its affairs by the Society.

3. An appeal for Annual and Life Memberships.

4. Provisions for such public meetings during the session of the Conference as may be deemed wise.

5. Election of officers and managers for ensuing year.

6. Provision for the publication of the proceedings of the Board of Control meetings and of the Annual Meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Business.

8. Adjournment.

Fourth Amendment : That Article VII. be amended by striking out in paragraph second the following words : "and shall order accordingly, which amount

the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay over to the Disbursing Committee," and insert instead of these words the following: "and shall name said amount in its report to the Annual Meeting of the Society, with recommendations as to its disbursement."

FIFTH AMENDMENT: That Article VIII. be amended by striking out paragraph third, and inserting the following: "Provided, further, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Control, and by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society present and voting, in an Annual Meeting the foregoing restrictions may be suspended in any particular case, and a discretionary appropriation be made."

SIXTH AMENDMENT: That Article X. be stricken out, and in its place the following be inserted:

"All distributions of money to persons to be aided by this Society shall first be recommended by the Board of Control; and it shall be the duty of the said Board of Control in the interim and during the sessions of the Annual Conference to obtain all practicable information as to the condition and necessities of claimants, and to base its recommendations upon such information as it may obtain."

"At each Annual Meeting the recommendations of the Board of Control as to the distribution of money to claimants shall be considered, and such distribution ordered as the Society may conclude, subject to the provisions of this Constitution."

"All distributions of aid to claimants ordered by the Society shall be made by the Board of Control."

On motion, the following officers and managers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. C. Hartzell; Vice-President, H. Green; Secretary, A. E. P. Albert; Treasurer, Wm. Matthews; Managers, E. Williams, J. F. Marshall, Edward Fields, Stephen Priestley, P. Landry.

On motion, the roll was called, and brethren paid one dollar each being the annual dues for 1880. (See Roll.)

Adjourned.

CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE I. CORPORATE NAME.

1. The Corporate name of this Society shall be "The Preachers' Aid Society of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II. OBJECT, FUNDS.

1. The object of this Association is to raise and perpetually maintain a fund for the relief of the Preachers of said Conference; said fund to consist of funds accruing from bequests, donations, and such other sources as may be opened up; and of sums received by the annual and life subscriptions of members of the Society.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP, DUES.

1. Any person, minister or layman, male or female, may become a member of this Society upon subscribing to this Constitution and paying the sum of one dollar, annually; and the payment of ten dollars at one time shall constitute a member for life.

2. All dues from members are payable in advance, and any person whose dues are not paid up to date of annual meeting and who does not pay the debt when his attention is called to it in the annual meeting by the Board of Control, cannot participate in the proceedings of the Society until it is paid; nor can he if he be a member of the Conference receive any benefits from the Society until his debt is paid.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Managers. These said Officers and Managers shall constitute a Board of Control, having full power to manage the affairs of the Society subject to this Constitution. The Treasurer and two of the Managers shall be Laymen.

2. The officers and Managers shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Society, and they shall hold their offices till the close of the term of the Annual Conference next ensuing, or till their successors are elected.

3. The Treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond and security in such penal sum as may be deemed proper by the Board of Control, which bond shall be approved by said Board, and filed with the Secretary.

4. The Board of Control shall have power to make By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, for their own government and that of the Society, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

5. Vacancies occurring in any office in the interim of Conference, by death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Control.

ARTICLE V. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the Board of Control shall be in the City of New Orleans, within thirty days next preceding the session of the Annual Conference; and special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or any three members thereof, upon reasonable personal notice.

2. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in regular Conference Session, at 10 a. m., upon the second day of the Session, the President of the Conference presiding, and the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll and collection of dues.

2. Report from the Board of Control, including, (a) Receipts and expenditures of monies during the past year: (b) A report of the assets of the Society, and if the investing Committee has made any investment of the funds of the Society the full statement of such investments: (c) The amount at the disposal of the Society for distribution, and recommendations for its disbursement for the Conference year then closing: (d) All other matters necessary to a full understanding of the affairs by the Society.

3. An appeal for annual and life members.

4. Provisions for such public meetings during the session of the Conference as may be deemed wise.

5. Election of officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

6. Provision for the publication of the proceedings of the Board of Control, and of the Annual Meetings.

7. Miscellaneous business.

8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VI POWER TO APPOINT AN AGENT.

1. The Board of Control shall have power to appoint an Agent and fix the amount of his salary, who shall labor for the increase of the fund in such manner as they shall direct.

ARTICLE V.I. INVESTING COMMITTEE, TREASURERS REPORT.

1. The Board of Control shall, at their annual meeting, appoint an Investing-Committee of three, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, who shall have discretionary power over all the investments of the Society, subject to such restrictions as the Board of Control may deem proper to impose.

2. The Committee shall make a full report of its doings and of the condition of the entire fund, to the Board of Control at their annual meeting, and the Treasurer shall, at the same time, present a report of receipts and expenditures during the current year, and of the amount on hand, and the Board of Control

shall thereupon fix the amount to be applied to the objects of the Society for the Conference year then closing, and shall name said amount in its report to the annual meeting of the Society, with recommendations as to its disbursement.

ARTICLE VIII. BENEFICIARIES.

1. The proceeds of the fund shall be applied to aid the following classes of persons, and under the following limitations and restrictions:

2. First—Superannuated Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who shall have performed four years effective service in the Louisiana Conference after the date of their reception on trial by the Conference, or transfer to the Conference, and who shall at the time be members of said Conference, and the families of said Ministers.

3. Secondly—The widows and minor children of deceased itinerant Ministers, who shall have performed like service in said Conference, and who shall, at the time of their decease, have been members thereof; provided that such widows or children be persons of good moral character.

4. Provided further, that upon recommendation of the Board of Control, and by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society present and voting in an annual meeting, the foregoing restrictions may be suspended in any particular case, and a discretionary appropriation be made.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT.

1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at an Annual Meeting of the Society, by a vote of two thirds of the number present, such alteration or amendment having been first recommended by a majority of all the members of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE X. DISTRIBUTION OF AID.

1. All distributions of money to persons to be aided by the Society, shall first be recommended by the Board of Control, and it shall be the duty of said Board of Control in the interim and during the session of the Annual Conference to obtain all practicable information as to the condition and necessities of claimants, and to base its recommendations upon such information as it may obtain.

2. At each Annual Meeting the recommendations of the Board of Control as to the distribution of money to the claimants shall be considered, and such distribution ordered as the Society shall conclude, subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

3 All distributions of aid to claimants ordered by the Society shall be made by the Board of Control.

ARTICLE XI. CORPORATE SEAL.

1. The Corporate Seal of this Society shall be a metallic impression, with the following words and letters, to wit:

"The Preachers' Aid Society, Louisiana Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church."

LIFE AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.

The following by the payment of $10 are Life Members of the Society: James Vance, John Brooks, Cortes Thompson.

For the sake of preserving a correct list of all who have belonged to the Society and who have paid their dues the following is published. Save credits are due members for 1879 not given here, because it was understood that one dollar of the special subscription taken for Brother Hodge and Chinn, February 1, 1879, should be so credited. No dues were collected for 1877.

	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880
L. Armistead	$1 00							
Scott Chinn	1 00	1 00		$1 00				
Morris C. Cole	1 00	1 00						
William. M. Daily	1 00	1 00		1 00				
George Dardis	1 00	1 00						
R. K. Diossy	1 00							

	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880
Joseph Gould	$1 00	$1 00						1 00
Henry Green	1 00	1 00	$1 00	$1 00				1 00
Amos Guby	1 00	1 00						
Joseph C. Hartzell	1 00	1 00						1 00
James Hayward	1 00	1 00						
Abraham Hilton	1 00		1 00	1 00				1 00
R. Hodge	1 00	1 00		1 00				
L. Johnson	1 00			1 00				
Austin Jones	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
F. Landor	1 00	1 00	1 00					
Stephen Priestley	1 00	1 00	1 00					1 00
E. P. Royal	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Horace Wallace	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00
George Washington, 2	1 00		1 00					
Emperor Williams	1 00	1 00						1 00
Priestley Yarborough	1 00	1 00						
J. L. J. Barth	1 00							
H. W. Coury	1 00							
Cortes Thompson	1 00	1 00		1 00				
Joseph C. Woodward	1 00	1 00						
M. Smith	1 00	1 00	1 00					
Addison Moore	1 00	1 00	1 00					1 00
Christopher Hunt	1 00	1 00						
Robert Slade	1 00							
W. W. P. Harris	1 00							
John Hays	1 00							
C. W. Bryant		1 00						
John Webb		1 00	1 00					
Isaac Hayward		1 00						1 00
S. Davage		1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00
W. P. Forest		1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00
J. W. Hilton		1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00
Willis Carr		1 00	1 00	1 00				
J. M. Bryan		1 00						
L. Allinger		1 00						
James Henderson		1 00	1 00					
John Jones		1 00						
F. Reeves		1 00						
Thomas Brown		1 00	1 00					
Austin Kennedy		1 00	1 00	1 00				
C. Downs		1 00	1 00	1 00				
Nicholas Giles		1 00						
Mrs. M. D. Drake		1 00						
Mrs. Martha Morris		1 00						
Mrs. Ella Murphy		1 00						
A. Legardy		1 00	1 00	1 00				
A. Jackson		1 00	1 00					1 00
Perry Hall		1 00	1 00	1 00				
Mrs. Caroline Skinner		1 00						
Mrs. W. Chinn		1 00		1 00				
R. Anderson		1 00						
S. Morant		1 00						1 00
Mrs. Martha Sims		1 00						
W. A. Primus		1 00						
Mrs. Dilsy Bryant		1 00	1 00					1 00
Mrs. Hester Williams		1 00	1 00					
Mrs. Julia Henderson		1 00	1 00					
H. T. Abbott		1 00	1 00	1 00				1 00
A. Ross		1 00		1 00				
Miss Mary Murphy		1 00						

	1873	1874	1875	1776	1877	1878	1879	1880
Mrs. Martha Bennett		1 00						
Mrs. Maria Andrews		1 00						
Julius Polk		1 00						
Graham Bell				1 00				
S. Osborne		1 0.		1 00				
John K. Jones		1 00						
Alexander Page			1 00					
Mr. Sophia A. Page			1 00					
Prince King			1 00					
R. W. Overton			1 00					
Mrs. Julia Ann Jones			1 00	1 00				
Mrs. Ellen Hayward				1 00				
Mrs. Celia Ann Bryan								$1 00
George Washington								1 00
Frank Walker								2 00
Bishop Foss								1 00
Jerry Reeves								1 00
Ephraim Harrison								1 00
A. Grimes								1 00
William Johnson								3 00
Cash								1 00
L. P. Cushman								1 00
W. H Davis								1 00
Eliza Patterson								1 00
A. Venerable								1 00
A. Warren								1 00
J. B. Ford								1 00
W. D. Booker								1 00
A. E. P. Albert								1 00
R. L. Beal								1 00
S. Duncan								1 00
Edward Fields								1 00
T. Kennedy								1 00
W. L. Molloy								1 00
M. Dyer								1 00
J. W. Hudson								1 00
F. Harvey								1 00
T. Jackson								1 00
P. King								1 00
A. Luster								1 00
J. F. Marshall								1 00
J. Qualls								1 00
William Smith								1 00
Reese Thompson								1 00
Hester Williams								1 00
John Simms								1 00

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WORK AMONG THE FREEDWOMEN: HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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The following letter was addressed to the Conference by Mrs. J. C. Hartzell.

NEW ORLEANS, January 22, 1880.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS: My several years residence in the South long since greatly impress me, with importance of more direct and better organized efforts to reach the homes of the colored people, with the elevating and saving influences of the Gospel.

In October, 1878, while in Chicago, I addressed a letter to the Methodist Women of Chicago and the Northwest, in which among other things I said:

"My heart has been moved by the great need of a more direct effort to save and elevate the freedwomen. Upon colored women the curse of slavery fell in its most degrading effects. Every womanly instinct of virtue or refinement was outraged, and their sex made simply the convenience of unbridled passion or considered of no higher value than to propagate their species. There were exceptions, but I speak of the rule. And this terrible crime against humanity was not only perpetuated a single generation, but was kept up many generations, until, alas! the dispositions and habits born of slavery, have to an alarming extent, become engrafted upon their very natures. This fact is spoken of not as a disgrace to them but as a disgrace to our land of boasted Christian civilization, which sanctioned slavery. The colored people must have schools and churches, but there can be but little advance in Christian civilization only, as their women are inspired by womanly instincts, and home life is developed among them. Many among the freed people, since coming out of bondage, have settled into homes, and some of these are real homes; but among those who have made the attempt, there is a sad lack in nearly every element of domestic comfort. Then among the great masses who swarm the rural districts, or are huddled together in the quarters on plantations, there is scarcely a thought of the comforts and but few ideas of the moralities belonging to a Christian home. O! think of these dusky sisters in their degredation, and remember that they are in our own land, at our own door, and that their husbands and sons, among whom are seven hundred thousand voters, will be as they are in virtue and morality."

The plan suggested was to send lady missionaries among these people who should visit from house to house, hold meetings for mothers and young women, the object being to give religious and moral instruction, and teach them in household matters, and to

encourage attendance upon Sunday-school and Church services, and also to establish and maintain industrial schools.

This appeal was responded to so that during the following year I was enabled to employ four missionaries, who made many hundreds of visits; maintained eight weekly sewing schools; held many mother's meetings. Over five hundred girls and women were brought under the influence and care of these missionaries, and a good number converted to God.

A report of the first years work was made to the Church, and during the second year, a good share of the time, seven missionaries were emplyed in New Orleans and vicinity. Three common schools were maintained for girls and women, with an industrial department connected with each. We had five industrial schools in which girls and women were taught to cut, and fit, and make ordinary garments. The Bible and Methodist Catechism, were taught in all these schools. About seventy conversions were reported. Three hundred and eighty-four girls and women regularly attended the schools.

In all up to this time $903.40 have been expended, and there is a balance due some of the missionaries of about $150, which is covered by good subscriptions from friends. We have some household furniture on hand. Itemized reports of all receipts and expenditures have been made to the Freedmen's Aid Society, through Dr. Rust.

Soon after the last session of the General Conference in Cinninnati, a successful effort was made to organize the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I was present at the meeting where the organization was begun, and, by request, gave a history of our work in Louisiana, which report did much. I was assured to increase the interest and faith of the ladies present in the proposed new Society.

The general Society for the whole Church is now fully organized. Mrs. President Hayes is the president, and Mrs. Dr. R. S. Rust, of Cincinnati, is the corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Bishop Clark is the treasurer. Let us thank God that now the attention of the whole Church will be officially called to the very work, which has so enlisted our hearts, and will be carried forward not only in Louisiana, but throughout the whole South.

I have been appointed Corresponding Secretary for Louisiana, and now request that your body, which so kindly approved of the local work done under my direction in your session of 1879, will take suitable action in endorsing the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and urge the preachers to use their influence in carrying on the good work.

I shall be glad to furnish all necessary blanks for the organization of auxilliaries, and to correspond with any who are interested in the work.

Two missionaries, Miss Cowgill, and Miss Beeken, are now employed in New Orleans. Your Sister in Christ,

MRS. J. C. HARTZELL.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

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FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Was organized August 7, 1866. Bishop I. Wiley, D.D., President, Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. M. Walden, Treasurer. This Society is supporting at present, in part at least, the following schools : Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., and the Meharry Medical School of this College; Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.; Claflin University and Baker Theological Institute, Orangeburg, South Carolina; New Orleans University and Medical Department, New Orleans, La.; Shaw University, Holly Springs, Miss.; Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore, Md ; Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C.; Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla.; Haven Normal School, Waynesboro, Ga.; LaGrange Seminary, LaGrange, Ga.; LaTeche Seminary and Orphan's Home, LaTeche, La.; Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss.; Rust Normal School, Huntsville, Ala.; Wiley University, Marshall Texas; Walden Seminary, Little Rock, Ark.; West Tennessee Preparatory School, Mason, Tenn.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

This Society was organized in 1864. Its office is 1020 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Bishop Simpson is President, and Rev. A. J. Kynett, D.D., Corresponding Secretary. This Board has expended nearly $1,000,000 in donations in helping feeble churches, and has a loan fund of more than $300,000. For blank applications for aid address A. J. Kynett, D.D., 1020 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa. Fill up the blank form as fully as possible and send it to the Conference Board of Church Extension for approval. There were four churches aided in our Conference during the past year with donations amounting to

The Society expended last year in donations $36,652.05, in loans $10,700, and one hundred and fifty-seven churches were aided by donations, ten by loans and twenty-five by donations and loans. Since the Society was organized it has helped to build over three thousand churches.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society has charge of the Foreign and Home Missions of the M. E. Church. The Foreign missions are in Africa, South America, China, Germany and Switzerland, Scandanavia, India, Bulgaria and Turkey, Mexico and Japan.

For the work in these foreign fields the Society appropriates for 1881, $299,174. The Domestic mission work is to the Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, and Chinese in this country and the Indians, also the mission work in the Conferennces.

Foreign Missions	$297,516 00	German Missions.....	$ 14,700 00
Scandinavian Missions	17,600 00	American Indians.....	3,550 00
Chinese Mission in U. S....	14,160 00	Debt.	112,150 00
English Speaking People...	170,858 00		
Missions in United States..	40,700 00	Total of.....	$778,034 00

The Louisiana Conference receives for 1881 from this Society $6800, and is asked to raise $920.

Every Sunday-school should be a Missionary Society and take weekly or monthly collections.

There are connected this this Society 1025 foreign missionaries and assistants, of these 574 are natives. There are 1390 missionaries in the United States. No church should fail to take the missionary collection.

TRACT SOCIETY.

The agents of this Society are the Presiding Elders, Pastors and Tract Committees. This Society offers to give five dollars worth of tracts to the Pastor or Tract Committee that will apply to them. The Society is publishing new tracts constantly. Its receipts for 1878 were $20,598.95. For tracts address the same persons as for S. S. Union applications.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Invested fund $102,000. In 1879 $22,500 were expended in aiding 400 students in sums varying from $10 to $100. Rev. D. P. Kidder, D.D., Corresponding Secretary. Collections for this Society are used to aid needy students preparing for the ministry. The office is at 805 Broadway, New York City.

BOOK CONCERN.

The Methodist Book Concern is the property of the General Conference. It was commenced in 1797, by John Dickson, on a borrowed capital of $600. In 1804 it was removed to New York. In 1836 it was destroyed by fire, loss $250,000, but was soon rebuilt. The capital in 1877 was $1,122,015.96. The periodicals issued by the publishing house East and West, are one quarterly, four monthlies, twelve weeklies, and about a score of Sunday-school papers and helps.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

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STATISTICS OF THE EPISCOPAL METHODISTS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

	Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Members.
M. E. Church	11,636	12,475	1,700,302
M. E. Church, South	2,867	5,862	828,301
Colored M. E. Church	683	683	112,300
African M. E. Church	1,418	3,168	214,808
African M. E. Zion Church	1,500	2,500	190,900
Evangelical Association	893	585	112,197
United Brethren	2,196	——	157,835
Union Amer'n M. E. Ch. Col.	101	22	2,550
Total	22,249	25,265	2,319,293

There are over 200,000 colored members of the M. E. Church in the Southern States. They have 2022 Sunday-Schools with 96,474 scholars, 1751 churches valued at $1,793,488, 162 parsonages valued at $75,405, making a total of $1,868,593 in church and parsonage property.

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS, M. E. CHURCH, 1878.

Number of Schools 19,904, Officers and Teachers 212,442, Scholars 1,517,386. Expenses $517.876 96, Receipts of S. S. Union collections from the churches $12,636.92, and from legacies $20,331.35.

The Sunday-School Union aids needy Sunday-Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The schools that apply for aid should state in their application:

1. The name of the school, and the Conference, District and appointment to which it belongs.
2. The average number of persons worshiping in the congregation where the school is held.
3. The average number of teachers and scholars.
4. The number of scholars who can read.
5. The number and kinds of books on hand.
6. The amount raised per year on the charge for S. S. Union.
7. The precise manner in which the books are to be sent.
8. The Post office, County and State where the applicant may be addressed by mail.
9. If the school has ever been aided before by the S. S. Union, state when and to what amount.

Applications may be addressed to Rev. B. St. James Fry, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., New Orleans, La., and Rev. J. M. Walden, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Be sure to take the collection for the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church.

BISHOPS' POST-OFFICES.

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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS, JANUARY 1, 1881.

Rev. Bishop Levi Scott, D.D., Odessa, Del.

Rev. Bishop Matthew Simpson, D.D., LL.D. 1807 Mount Vernon street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, D.D., LL.D., 3029 Washington Avenue, St Louis, Mo.

Rev. Bishop William L. Harris, D.D. LL.D., 493 Lexington Avenue, New York.

Rev. Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D., LL.D., 59 Rutland street, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, D.D., 190 West 4th street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, D.D., 57 Washington street, Chicago Ill.

Rev. Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D.D., 805 Eleventh street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Rev. Bishop Jesse T. Peck, D D., LL.D., Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. Bishop Henry W. Warren, D.D., 110 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., 1117 Second Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Bishop F. Hurst, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. Bishop Erastus O. Haven, D.D., LL.D., 1041 Market street, San Francisco, Cal.

STATISTICS—Tables No. 1.

SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'MS		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUN. SCH'S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINIST'L SUP.		
																FOR MISSIONS.													
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses, (sexton, fuel, gas, Sunday-schools, etc.)
NEW ORLEANS—																													
Ames Church	15	84		1	5		1	$50,000			$138 62	$5358 22															$1425 00		$515 85
First Street	50	400	3	6	30	9	1	10,000			210 65			2	13	400	$12 95	$12 75	$25 70		$8 85	$6 90	$2 90	$ 50		$ 60	$84 85	685 00	$3 85	283 85
Sixth Street	22	55	1	1	7		1	2,000			50 0(	65 00	$ 42 50	1	3	20	7 70		7 70		3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	$1 00			150 00		50 00
Mount Zion	100	279	5	1	42	10	1	3,500			50 0(		3000 00	1	8	150	10 00	5 00	15 00	$1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00				690 35	2 00	121 80
Simpson Chapel	51	96	4	5	24	2	1	2,900			177 55	177 55	975 00	1	7	40				1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00		409 00		110 20
Clinton Street	18	145	3	3	7	8	1	2,36	1	$400	300 0(	00 00		1	8	110	4 00	1 00	5 00		1 00		3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00		537 00		185 00
Plum Street	10	54		3	4	2	1	500			30 00			1	4	42	50	50	1 00			50		50	1 00	1 00		139 80		30 50
Camp Parapet	6	82		4	5		1	2,00(	1	2(	10 70		5 00	1	9	70				1 00								212 60	2 00	61 20
Donaldsonville	12	163	14	10	50	50	1	4,07			29 50	240 40		2	6	75	3 00	1 50	4 50	3 00				4 45	3 00	1 00		750 50	1 00	78 00
Total	284	1358	31	40	167	81	9	$77,335	2	$600	$1013 02	$5836 17	$022 50	10	58	927	$38 15	$20 75	$58 90	$6 00	$28 35	$10 40	$12 85	$12 00	$6 50	$2 60	$84 85	$4998 25	$8 85	$1386 40

STATISTICS—Tables No. 1—*Continued.*

NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUN. SCH'S			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									MINIST'L SUP.		
																EOR MISSIONS.											
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Churches.	Sunday school.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses, (sexton, fuel, gas, Sunday-schools, etc.)
NEW ORLEANS—																													
Wesley Chapel	230	555	7	17	70	10	1	$15,000			$260 20	$250 15	$ 100 00	1	20	267	$20 00	$10 00	$30 00		$10 00	$2 00	$2 50	$9 00	$2 00	$4 00		$ 987 00	$10 00	$506 15
Union Chapel	291	483	2	15	45	30	1	17,000				615 00	4500 00	1	11	175	22 00	3 00	25 00		7 00	2 00	50	2 00		50	$103 00	1000 00	4 00	265 00
Thomson Chapel	18	89	4	2	6		1	5,000				68 00	200 00	1	10	73	1 00		1 00		50	50		1 00	50			278 00		100 00
Pleasant Plains	7	56	1		24		1	6,500				5 50	130 50	1	4	50	7 00	3 00	10 00	$1 00	1 50	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		400 15	50	275 65
Algiers and Asbury	7	68	6	1	18		2	1,800			30 00		30 85	2	7	50	1 00		1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00	249 90		25 10
St. John & St. Charles	6	78	2		5		2	2,000						2	5	75												400 00		18 00
Terrebonne		75	4	5	6	3	1	1,000	1	$150	120 40		53 80	1	5	75												253 20		37 00
Thibodaux	11	58	4	4	16		1	4,300			63 00	141 50	150 00	1	12	90	3 50		3 50		1 00	50						380 80		70 00
Assumption and Woodlawn	20	160	5	12	20	1	1	2,000	1	100	12 95		17 00	2	8	120	1 75	50	2 25		1 50	25	25					367 80	1 00	50 00
Houma	11	90	10	3	14	1	1	1,900	1	700	48 00			1	12	110	2 00	1 00	3 00	75	2 00	1 00	3 50	2 00	1 50	75		270 10	4 00	10 00
Morgan City	10	24	2		14	2	1	1,000			87 00	8 00	12 75	1	3	45	2 00		2 00		1 00		3 00	1 00	50			172 40	1 00	47 65
Springfield and Mandeville	34	50	4				2	1,300						2	5	45														9 00
Pearl River and Shady Grove	33	116	5				2	1,300						2	6	50	2 00		2 00											3 50
La Harpe—New Orleans	15	125	4		16		1	5,000				150 00	100 00	1	9	80	4 00	50	4 50		2 50	50	50	1 50	1 00	50		177 00	1 50	75 00
Total	683	2027	50	59	254	47	18	$65.100	3	$950	$621 55	$1238 15	$5294 40	19	117	1305	$66 25	$18 00	$84 25	$2 75	$30 00	$8 75	$14 25	$19 50	$7 50	$6 75	$104 00	$4931 35	$22 00	$1492 05

STATISTICS—Tables No. 1—*Continued.*

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERRHIP				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUN. SCH'S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINIST'L SUP.		
																	FOR MISSIONS.												
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Churches.	Sunday schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	Pastors, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses (sexton, fuel, gas, Sunday-schools, etc.)
Baton Rouge	33	190	4	5	40		1	$2000			$ 20 00		$ 35 00	2	6	150	$4 00	$1 00	$5 00		$4 00	$ 30	$2 50	$2 00	$2 00	$2 00		$485 20	$5 00	$139 20
West Baton Rouge	10	122	5	5	18	1	1	950	1	$500			15 00	2	6	67	4 00	5 00	9 00		4 00	1 00	1 00	4 00				389 00		150 00
Gross Tete	40	151	2		14	80	2	800			147 75			2	10	75	8 25		8 25		2 00	75	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	$22 80	423 00	1 00	10 50
The Plains		80	3				1	300			76 00			1	1	30	3 00		3 00									46 00	1 00	
Magnolia and Stony Point	19	95	5	1	18	10	2	700						2	5	65		50	50			50	50	50				175 00		185 00
Campte	46	150	6				1	3600			5 00	$33 00		2	12	120													
Clinton	25	99	6		15	3	1	900			80 00	32 25	24 00	1	7	150	7 00	2 00	9 00		1 00	25	25	25	25	25	53 00	488 80		10 15
State Line	22	100	2	3	46	8	1	2500	1	300	52 00		66 40	2	6	60	3 45		3 45									650 00		25 00
Jackson	15	50	1	2	6	4	1	1500	1	500	46 55			1	7	60	2 00		2 00									306 00	1 00	27 90
New Roads	1	16					1	350	1	200		80 00					1 50		1 50		50							32 00		
Macedonia and Mount Carmel	50	172	6	5	37	2	3	600			23 00			4	13	139	6 00	4 50	10 50		1 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	50		225 00		5 25
West Feliciana	8	76	4	1	10	5	2	2500			50 00			1	3	65	1 50		1 50									560 00		
Bayou Goula		25	3				1	250						1	4	29													
Whitehall	10	140	3	5	38	15	1	800			280 00		32 00	1	7	60	1 00		1 00		50	50		50		50		428 00		40 00
Lake Providence	5	30	2				1	200						3	3	30													
Red River Landing and Union Chapel	3	80	6		6	1	3	952			47 00		260 00	1	3	69	2 50	50	3 00			50						139 00		26 00
Total	287	1576	58	27	248	129	23	$18900	4	$1500	$827 30	$145 25	$1290	26	93	1169	$44 20	$13 50	$57 70		$13 00	$4 30	$6 75	$9 25	$4 25	$4 25	$75 80	$3311 00	$8 00	$618 15

STATISTICS.—Tables No. 1—*Continued.*

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUN. SCH'S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS											MINIST'L SUP.		
																FOR MISSIONS.													
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Churches.	Sunday-schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society	Other Collections.	Pastors, Presiding Elder, and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses (sexton, fuel, gas, Sunday-schools, etc.)
SHREVEPORT—																													
St. Paul	33	311	7	4	11	8	1	$4,500	1	$455	$674 30	$ 6 00		1	7	120	$5 00	$ 50	$ 5 50		$3 00	$ 50	$2 00	$ 50	$1 00	$ 50	$725 00		$ 98 70
St. James	35	186	6	5	8		1	3,500			135 00	60 00	$274 00	1	4	130	7 00	4 00	11 00			1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	562 85	$2 00	75 85
Fairfield	16	360	7	5	8	51	3	2,000			33 00	16 60	25 10	2	12	119	6 00	1 00	7 00	$1 00	5 00	50	50	5 00	6 00	2 00	500 00		50 00
Mansfield	25	300	3	6	15	9	6	700	1	75	176 45		10 90	3	9	140	10 00		10 00	1 00	4 50	50	50	2 00		30	392 50	1 00	36 00
Red Springs																											202 00		18 00
Natchitoches and St. Marks	10	206	5	4	25	12	2	1,800	1	400	167 45		11 75	3	12	155	5 00	1 00	6 00	1 00	5 00		2 00	4 00		1 25	46 75	50	40 00
Coushatta	60	150	4	10	94	25	3	7,000			90 00	80 00	60 00	2	4	100	3 00	1 00	4 00		2 00			2 00			207 00		45 00
Allenville Circuit	20	84	3	3	4	2	4	3,000	1	50	40 00		50 00	3	6	54	1 50		1 50		50		50	50		50	231 40		30 00
Fort Jessup & Anacoco	10	82	2	1	7	6	3	425	1	100	30 50			2	3	30		40	40	50	1 80	25	50	1 50	50	25	150 00		177 55
Campte	46	157	3		27	4	4	500	1	75	22 00			4	4	61	4 00		4 00		3 00			3 00	50	1 00	128 00		95 00
Scott Circuit	10	150	4		30		3	1,450																			180 00		30 00
Cross Lake	6	20	1	8	4	2	1	120	1	100	30 50			1	3	50	50		50		50		25				127 00	25	25 00
Coteau & Clouterville	37	170	12	17	32	7	6	700						2	4	50	50		50		1 00			50			437 00		50 00
Monroe	20	100	6	2	29	3	4	3,000			150 00		160 00	3	6	100	1 00	25	1 25		25						408 00		78 00
Bastrop	25	125	1	5	17	10	2	1,600	2								3 00		3 00								202 00		90 00
Island and Bechelle	35	100	1	3	26	79	2	1,600	2	600	97 00		25 00	3	13	183	1 50	2 00	3 50		2 00	50	1 00	1 75		75	500 00	50	103 95
Pleasant Grove	41	78	1	10	16	9	1	270			9 00			2	6	60	2 00		2 00		25	25	25	10	15		357 00	15	10 00
Total	429	2579	66	93	353	227	46	$59,965	11	$1855	$1655 20	$162 60	$616 75	32	93	1352	$50 00	$10 15	$60 15	$3 50	$28 80	$3 50	$8 50	$22 85	$10 15	$7 55	$5356 50	$4 40	$1053 05

STATISTICS—Tables No. 1—*Continued.*

LA TECHE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUN. SCH'S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											MINIST'L SUP.		
																	FOR MISSIONS.													
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Churches.	Sunday-schools.	Total.	For Womans Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society	Other Collections.	Pastors, Presiding Elder, and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Current Expenses (sexton, fuel, gas,
La Teche	10	51	2	4	20	12	1	$ 400						1	5	60	$1 25	$1 25	$ 2 50		$1 00	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50				$486 00		$26
Franklin	25	150	5	2	29	4	1	4000	1	$ 600	$ 25 00	$150 00	$200 00	1	10	100	5 00	5 00	10 00	$ 50	1 60	50	1 00	1 00	$1 00			738 00	$2 00	60
Cypremort	16	170	1	11	17	16	1	1000	1	500				1	3	115	4 00	1 00	5 00	50	50	50	25	25				521 00	50	5
Jeanerette		90	3	1	35	4	1	1900	1	200			112 00	2	9	50	3 00		3 00		1 00		25	50		$ 25		425 00		30
Centreville and Pattersonville	10	25	4	3	10		1	1800			125 00		153 45	1	8	75	1 50	25	1 75		1 00	25	25	25		50		137 00	50	16
New Iberia and Thompson	13	148	4	3	18	33	2	2500				82 00	146 00	2	8	118	4 00	3 00	7 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00		135 00		15
St. Martinsville	20	84	4	4	15	8	1	2200			182 55		28 20	1	8	60	3 00	1 00	4 00	50	1 60	50	1 00	1 00	50	50		500 00	2 00	10
Opelousas and Washington	25	255	6	8	36	23	3	4200	2	1500	75 00		85 00	3	10	125	2 00		2 00									502 00		80
Homesville and Marksville	5	76	4		62	1	1	858	1	500	158 00	2 50	30 00	1	5	55	3 00	1 00	4 00		1 00	50	50	1 00	50			500 00	1 00	7
Cheneyville	10	200	6	1	23	4	2	2500			269 34		253 00	2	10	125	1 00		1 00		2 00		1 00		1 00	1 00		400 00		10
Alexandria & Pineville	48	149	9	2	28	4	3	4000	1	800	167 00		300 00	2	14	160	12 50	14 15	26 65		6 00	7 45	10 00	3 00	40	50		740 00	2 00	113
Total	182	1398	48	39	293	110	17	$25358	7	$350	$1001 89	$234 50	$998 77	17	90	1043	$40 25	$26 65	$66 90	$1 50	$15 50	$11 20	$15 75	$9 50	$3 40	$3 75		$5084 00	$8 00	$273

STATISTICS—Tables No. 1.—*Continued.*

RECAPITULATION.

rs.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUN. SCH'S.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINIST'L SUP.		
																FOR MISSIONS.												
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Number of Churches.	Probable Value.	Number of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages	Churches.	Sunday-schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop.	Conference Claimants.	Current expenses, (sexton, fuel, gas, Sunday-schools, etc.
Orleans	284	1358	31	40	167	81	9	$77,335	2	$ 600	$1,013 02	$5,836 17	$5,022 50	10	58	927	$38 15	$20 75	$58 90	$6 00	$21 35	$10 40	$12 85	$12 00	$6 50	$2 60	$ 84 85	$4,998 25	$ 8 85	$1,386 40
Orleans	683	2027	50	59	254	47	18	65,100	3	950	621 55	1,238 15	5,294 40	19	117	1305	66 25	18 00	84 25	2 75	30 00	8 75	14 25	19 50	7 50	6 75	104 00	4,931 35	22 00	1,492 05
e.....	287	1576	58	27	248	129	23	18,902	4	1,500	827 30	145 25	182 90	26	93	1169	44 20	13 50	57 70		13 00	4 30	6 75	9 25	4 25	4 25	75 80	4,311 00	8 00	618 15
.....	182	1398	48	39	293	110	17	25.358	7	3,500	1,061 89	234 50	998 77	17	96	1043	40 25	26 65	66 90	1 50	15 50	11 20	15 75	9 50	3 40	3 75		5,084 00	8 00	273 45
.....	428	2579	66	93	353	227	46	59,965	11	1.855	1,655 20	162 60	616 75	32	93	1352	50 00	10 15	60 15	3 50	28 80	3 50	8 50	22 85	10 15	7 55		5,356 50	4 40	1,053 05
.....	1864	8938	253	258	1315	594	113	$246,280	27	$8.405	$5,118 96	$7,616 67	$12,115 32	104	451	5796	$238 85	$ 89 05	$327 90	$13 75	$108 65	$38 15	$58 10	$73 10	$31 80	$24 90	$164 65	$24,681 10	$51 25	$4,725 45
.....	1877	9543	265	285	1378	1013	108	216,417	26	9,000	12,131 75		26,040 98	104	521	6104	389 90	179 45	569 35	90	134 15	39 25	43 00	87 20	42 00	33 70		26,617 05	115 65	831 15
.....							5	$29,863	1		595	$7,616 67	$13.925 66			70	308	$151 05	$90 40	$241 45	$12 85		$1 10	$15 10		$14 10	$10 20	$8 80	$164 65	$1,935 95	$64 40	$3,894 30
.....	13	605	12	37	63	419															$25 50									

STATISTICS—Tables No. II.

SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AAD STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM'S	
	No on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	No. removed by certificate.	No. removed without certificate.	No. dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on the roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. received from Probation.	No removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	No. of deaths.	No. of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
Ames Church	31		5	3			8	15	8	4	10	2	1	84	$2,500 00	$1401 00	$1,099 00	$50 00	$50 00				
First St. Church	59					51	30	2	30	4		4	6	19	650 00	650 00		32 00	32 00	$3 00	$3 00		
Sixth St. Church	22						22							55	250 00	250 00					1 00		
Mt. Zion Church	298	7	1	11	1	80	279	4	80	7	11	11	1	279	810 00	810 00		25 00	25 00	2 00	2 00	$2 00	$2 00
Simpson Church					5	8	104	2	5	2		13	5	90	466 0	447 40	18 60	30 00	22 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	8 00
Clinton St. Church	34					15	34	2	15			6	2	145	510 00	510 00		25 00	17 75	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Plum St. Church	18			4		10	16		16			4	3	50	175 0(	134 00	41 00	5 00	2 50			1 50	1 50
Camp Parapet				1		2	8	1	2			3	3	82	400 00	197 60	202 40	20 00	15 00			2 00	2 00
Donaldsonville	27		1	7			12	7	14	8		4	6	163	568 0(	438 00	130 00	40 00	40 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Total	470	7	7	26	6	174	514	30	164	25	21	65	21	967	$6,329 00	$4838 00	$1,491 00	$227 00	$202 25	$11 00	$11 00	$15 50	$15 50

STATISTICS—Tables No. II.—*Continued.*

NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	PROBATIONERS							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM'S.	
	No. on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	No. removed by certificate.	No. removed without certificate.	No dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on the roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	No. of deaths.	No of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
NEW ORLEANS—																							
Wesley Chapel	225		5	15	12		543								$909 00	$765 00	$146 00	$80 00	$63 15	$3 00	$3 00	$10 00	$10 00
Union Chapel	291				6	30	245	4	21	3			15		948 00	948 00		50 00	50 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00
Thomson Chapel	18			20	2	10	84		18		2	20	2	70	500 00	258 00	242 00	20 00	20 00	1 00	1 00		
La Harpe			15												730 00	160 00	570 00	20 00	16 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50
Pleasant Plains								2	3			5			350 00	350 00		12 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	25	25
Algiers	21		2	10	1	8	7	6	8		2	7		68	469 00	246 90	222 10	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		
St. John and St. Charles	6												4	80	225 00	225 00		25 00	25 00				
Terrebonne	143			40	5	3	75		3		3	19	5	75	500 50	255 50	265 00	20 00	17 70	1 50			
Thibodaux	73	4		10	1	3	58					3	1	11	500 00	280 00	220 00	42 40	42 40	2 50	2 50		
Woodlawn and Assumption	174		3	12	4	4	173	4					12	173	329 00	327 00	2 00	60 00	40 00	5 00	5 00		
Houma	88	1		1	3	2	90	1							350 00	235 00	115 00	32 00	32 00	2 50	2 50		
Morgan City	10		1			3	24	1	3					24	200 00	200 00		20 00	20 00	50	50		
Mandeville and Springfield	34												4	50									
Pearl River and Shady Grove	33												4	116									
Total	1116	5	23	99	42	63	1054	18	56	3	7	54	47	667	$6,010 50	$4,168 40	$1,782 10	$391 40	$340 25	$21 50	$20 00	$15 75	$15 75

STATISTICS—Tables No. II—*Continued.*

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESID'G ELDER		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMS	
	No. on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	Number received into full connection.	Number on the roll at the end of this year.	Number received by certificate.	Number received from probation.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	Number of Deaths	No. of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
Baton Rouge	67	12	6	20	5	10	67	10		10			5	190	$700 00	$183 00	$513 00	$40 00	$38 00	$5 00	$ 5 00	$7 50	$7 50
West Baton Rouge	122	4	5		5	6	112		4	4	5		5	112	450 00	375 00	75 00			3 00	3 00	3 50	3 50
Gross Tete																							
The Plains	80						80							80	400 00	40 00	360 00	20 00	5 00	1 00	1 00		
Magnolia and Stony Point		3	31		1	11	95		8	3	31	3	1	95	350 00	120 20	229 80	28 00	6 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Campte	46													150							10 00		
Clinton	103	2	23	2		23	99			15	2	22	3	99	450 00	450 00		34 00	34 15	50	50	2 60	2 60
State Line	180	60	3	1	3	12	100		12		23	2	3	100	120 00	120 00							
Jackson			2	10	2	4	50	2	4		2	8	2	50	250 00	284 00		27 50	12 20	1 00	1 00		
Red River Landing and Union Chapel	80		4			23	76		23		4			76	400 00	120 00	280 00	32 00	18 00	4 00	50		
New Roads	1						1							16	96 00	28 00	68 00	6 00	5 00			1 00	1 00
Macedonia and Mount Carmel									36		10		5	162	500 00	325 60	274 40			1 50	1 50	2 00	2 00
West Feliciana	23			4	1	6	70	4	4		10		1	70	55 00	8 50	46 50	5 00	5 00				
Bayou Goula														25									
Whitehall	25	1		35	5	15	10		25			15	5	35	496 00	496 00		28 00	28 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Lake Providence	5													30									
Total	739	82	74	72	22	110	760	16	116	32	87	50	30	1290	$4267 00	$2549 80	$1846 70	$ 20 50	$151 85	$18 00	$24 50	$18 60	$17 60

STATISTICS—Tables No. II—*Continued.*

LA TECHE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIM'S.	
	No. on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	No. removed by certificate.	No. removed without certificate.	No. dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on the roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	No. of deaths.	No. of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
La Teche	10				1	15	10		15	1			3	61	$300 00	$275 75	$ 24 25	$12 00	$ 8 25	$1 00	$1 00		
Franklin	25				2	5	175		5	2	1	3	2	175	564 00	696 00		40 00	40 00	2 00	2 00	$2 00	$2 00
Centreville and Pattersonville	66				3	6	25	1	3			3		25	345 00	170 00	145 00	11 00	11 00	1 00	1 00		
Cypremort	20					20	16		36	10		11		135	521 00	521 00		20 00	20 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Jeanerette				19		9	90		6						384 00	275 00	159 00	32 00	24 00	1 00	1 00		
New Iberia and Thompson	115			1	2	15	13	8	13		2		2	118	400 00	135 00	265 00	14 00	14 00	2 00	2 00	7 00	6 00
St. Martinsville					5	20			5			17			359 00	359 00	32 00	23 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		2 00
Opelousas and Washington	36	75	50	1	8	30	255	2	23		75	51	8	255	460 00	260 00	200 00	40 00	20 00	4 00	2 00		
Homesville and Marksville	136	1	1	1		20	76	1	5	1	1	1		76	2 67	183 85	83 15	32 00	15 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Cheneyville			2		1	200				1	9	6	1	200	546 00	300 00	246 00	40 00	10 00	2 00	2 00		
Alexandria & Pineville	26	2	1	1	1	13	48		19	2		1	2	149	720 00	720 00		28 00	21 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Total	434	78	54	23	23	343	708	12	130	17	88	29	32	1194	$4604 67	$3730 15	$1079 60	$292 00	$187 25	$19 00	$18 00	$14 00	$15 00

STATISTICS.—Tables No. II—*Continued.*

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CON CLAIM'S.	
	No. on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	Number received into full connection.	Number on the roll at the end of this year.	Number received by certificate.	Number received from probation.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	Number of deaths.	No. of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount appropriated.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
SHREVEPORT—																							
St. Paul	21	5	1	1	4	2	311	7	15	5	14	6	4	311	$750 00	$529 50	$220 50	$48 00	$48 00	$ 1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00
St. James	38					2	34	24	2	3	18	34	6	186	930 00	785 80	245 20	48 00	44 00	2 50	3 00	2 50	2 00
Fairfield														459	550 00	310 25	209 75	20 00	20 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Mansfield	286	6			6	14	300		14					300	400 00	365 00	35 00	48 00	36 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00
Red Springs	60				2	27	41		27					10	250 00	113 00	137 00	20 00	17 00				
Natchitoches and St. Marks	71	15	10	7	3	55	201	2	45	15	12	6	4	214	400 00	369 05	30 95	48 00	45 00	50	1 50		
Coushatta		20	10		4		150							150	600 00	160 00	440 00			2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Allenville Circuit	20	1			3	18	84	2	18	1	11		3	84	400 00	231 40	169 60	21 75	21 75	1 00	1 00	50	50
Fort Jessup & Anacoco			4	3	1	6	82		6	2	4	3	1	82	300 00	155 55	144 45	25 00	20 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00
Campte		6				10	157		10	6		22		157	600 00	107 50	492 50	28 00	21 00	1 50	1 50		
Scott Circuit	50	10	2	30	2	10	100		8	10	2	30	2	25	500 00	100 00	400 00	10 00	7 50	50	50		
Cross Lake	6					4	6		4	6		15	2	20	140 00	40 00	100 00	6 00	1 00			25	25
Cotean & Clouterville	48		1	75	24	24	200		12		6		24	200	400 00	128 90	271 10	40 00	40 95	50	50	50	50
Monroe	54	75	45			19	790	2	12	75	45	25		80	300 00	280 00	20 00	7 00	2 50	7 00	2 00	7 00	1 00
Bastrop	35													100						2 00	2 00		
Island and Bechelle	164	17	27	25	5	15	80	2		17	27	25	5	164	800 00	304 85	495 15	50 00	25 00	10 00	5 00		
Total	853	155	149	141	54	215	2536	39	170	140	139	166	51	2542	$7320 00	$4010 80	$3411 15	$369 75	$350 20	$23 50	$25 00	$16 75	$10 25

STATISTICS—Tables No. II.—*Continued.*

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIM'S*	
	No. on roll at last Conference and rec'd since.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	Deaths.	Number received into full connection.	Number on the roll at the end of this year.	Number received by certificate.	Number received from probation.	Number removed by certificate.	Number removed without certificate.	Number withdrawn, expelled or unknown.	Number of deaths.	No. of known members at end of this year.	Pastor's claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.
South New Orleans	470	7	7	26	6	174	514	30	16	25	21	65	21	967	$6079 00	$4588 00	$1491 00	$227 00	$202 25	$11 00	$11 00	$15 50	$15 50
North New Orleans	1116	5	23	99	42	63	1054	18	56	3	7	54	47	667	5435 50	3653 40	1782 10	366 40	315 25	21 50	20 00	15 75	15 75
Baton Rouge	739	82	74	72	22	110	760	16	116	32	87	50	30	1290	4267 00	2549 70	1846 70	220 50	151 85	18 00	24 50	18 60	17 60
LaTouche	434	78	54	23	23	343	708	12	130	17	88	29	32	1194	4604 67	3730 15	1079 60	292 00	187 25	19 00	18 00	14 00	15 00
Shreveport	853	155	149	141	54	215	2536	39	170	140	139	166	51	2542	7320 00	4010 80	3411 15	369 75	350 20	25 50	25 00	16 75	10 25
Total	3612	327	307	361	147	905	5572	115	636	217	342	364	181	5660	$27705 17	$18532 05	$9610 55	$1475 65	*$1206 80	$95 00	$98 50	$80 60	$74 10
Last Year	1877				295								295		27800 45	21341 16					86 75		115 65
Increase	1735																				$11 75		
Decrease					148								114		$95 28	$2809 11							$41 55

*The amounts paid to Pastors and Presiding Elders are not accurately reported; as in a majority of cases the amounts paid them from the Missionary Society are not included.

STATISTICS—Tables No. III.—Sunday-Schools.

SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 years old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. of S. S. Advocates taken.	No. of S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Ames Church	2	25	200			42	180	337	$197 00		15	22		
First Street Church	1	30	200	75	25	100	160	100	30 00			13	50	100
Sixth Street Church	1	3	20											
Mount Zion Church	1	8	170	25	100	45	75	50	6 00			8	15	8
Simpson Church	1	7	40				39	100	17 50			4		
Clinton Street Church	1	8	110	15	70	25	70	100	30 00			6	30	3
Plum Street Church	1	5	40	10	15	15	44	25	4 00			5	10	
Camp Parapet	1	9	70	35	30	5	60	40	9 00			7	31	2
Donaldsonville	2	6	75	15	20	40	60	100	30 00			10	1	2
Total	11	11	925	175	260	272	64[illegible]	842	$323 50		15	75	137	115

NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NEW ORLEANS—														
Wesley Chapel	1	20	267	65	75	120	250	500	$112 55			16	45	20
Union Chapel	1	11	175	85	45	72	97	85	110 50			8	48	70
Thomson Chapel	1	12	90	25	30	10	60	50	16 00			12	6	
La Harpe	1	9	80	20	40	20	60	150	3 00			7	17	11
Pleasant Plains	1	4	50											
St. John and St. Charles	2	5	75											
Algiers	2	7	50	20	20	10	30	30	15 00			3		
Terrebonne	1	5	175	40	35	45	100	40	4 25	1		4		
Thibodaux	1	12	90											
Woodlawn and Assumption	2	8	120	50	70		90	70		4		6	22	3
Houma	1	12	110	40	15	19	83	100	7 00			12	15	
Morgan City	1	9	75	20	30	25	57	10	5 00			10	3	
Mandeville and Springfield	2	5	45											
Pearl River and Shady Grove	2	6	50											
Total	19	125	1452	365	360	211	827	1035	$275 30	5		78	156	104

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

Baton Rouge	2	6	150	50	25	75	90	150	$15 00	7		3		
West Baton Rouge	2	6	67	13	43	11	50		6 30			15		5
Gross Tete	2	10	75									2		
The Plains	1	3	30	9	10	11	25							
Stony Point & Magnolia	2	5	65											
Comite														
Clinton	1	7	150	25	50	75	80	200	6 80			7	18	23
State Line	2	6	60	25	35		23	12	1 50			6	7	1
Jackson	1	7	60	25	15	20	46	100	10 00			3		
Red River Landing and Union	1	3	69	21	32	16	45		2 00			3	3	11
Macedonia and Mount Carmel	4	13	139						7 00			93		23
West Feliciana	1	3	60	10	35	15	63					2	4	4
Bayou Goula	1	4	29											
Whitehall	1	7	60	15	45	30	30	12	5 00			3		15
Lake Providence	1	3	30											
Total	22	80	1044	193	290	253	452	474	$53 60	7		136	28	122

STATISTICS—Tables No. III—Continued.—Sunday-Schools.

LA TECHE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No of Scholars of all Ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 years old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. of S. S. Advocates taken.	No. of S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
La Teche	1	5	60	15	20	25	40	15				5	10	21
Franklin	1	10	100	25	70	5	50	400	$ 3 00			10	25	20
Centreville and Patersonville	1	8	75	16	47	12	60	12	6 10	8				4
Cypremort	1	5	115	40	65	60		50	3 00			1		1
Jeanerette	2	9	50		20	30						4	20	
New Iberia and Thompson	2	8		118	50	68	75	40	3 75					2
St. Martinsville	1	8	60	25	20	15	40					8	15	1
Opelousas and Washington	3	10	125	100		25	30	70	11 15			55	30	25
Homesville and Marksville	1	5	53	25	15	13	53	31	26 00	25		20		1
Cheneyville	2	10	125					30						10
Alexandria & Pineville	2	14	160	20	123	17	135	246	28 00			8	14	18
Total	17	92	923	384	380	270	453	694	$31 00	33		111	114	103

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

St. Paul	1	7	120		30	90	96	155	$15 65	136		7	14	16
St. James	1	4	130	49	16	20	98	66	30 00			4	14	2
Fairfield	3	15	170	100	70	30	150		4 00	23		9		52
Red Springs	1	6	60				60		52			3		
Natchitoches&St.Marks	3	12	155	75	5	80	95	35	2 75				15	28
Coushatta	2	10	126					30						30
Allenville Circuit	3	6	44	7	3	34	36	14	1 50	3	11	6	24	8
Fort Jessup & Anacoco	2	5	30	13		17	15	12	65			3	10	10
Campte	1	5	30	5	10	15	26	15	1 50				3	4
Scott Circuit	3	6	100	50	25	25	75	25	2 50			5	6	8
Cross Lake	1	2	44						25					
Coteto and Clouterville	2	4	137	67	64	95	80		1 95			40	7	50
Bastrop	1	5	70	10	40	20	65	45	30 00			8	7	3
Island and Bechele	3	13	100	40	20	40		100	37 25			10	80	35
Monroe	3	13	183	3	80	100	150	200				13	100	37
Mansfield	3	9	101											
Total	32	118	1639	419	1453	496	946	697	$128 52	162	11	108	273	283

RECAPITULATION.

South New Orleans District	11	111	925	175	260	272	648	842	$323 50		15	75	137	15
North New Orleans District	19	125	1452	365	360	211	827	1035	275 30	5		78	156	104
Baton Rouge District	22	80	1044	193	290	253	452	474	53 60			136	28	122
La Teche District	17	92	923	384	380	270	453	694	81 00	33		111	114	103
Shreveport District	32	118	1639	419	1453	496	946	697	128 52		11	108	273	283
Grand Total	108	526	5983	1536	2743	1502	3326	3742	$861 92	38	26	508	708	627
Last year	104	521	6104											
Increase	4	5												
Decrease			*121											

*This decrease is only apparent, as this loss is more than twice made up by the number of German scholars who have been transferred into the Southern German Conference.